

**Hamilton Township
Planning Commission
Minutes of 3-15-2016**

Call to Order by Denise Goodenow at 6:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call Attendance:

Present: Mike Conway, Dave Wright, Linda Barkell, Denise Goodenow and Marsha McKee

Guests: 9

Staff Present: Mark Janeczko BEO and Zoning Adm.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Conway and 2nd by Wright to approve the agenda as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Linda Barkell read the minutes of 2-9-2016 to call present and motion by Wright and 2nd by Conway to accept minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Fred Matthews asked what rear elevation meant in the Z.O. Emery Lyons showed everyone present pictures of Towline Lake with excessive weeds in the lakes and canals. The fish are unable to migrate through the weeds and Emery is very concerned. Emery was advised to bring this information to the Trustee meeting on 4-7-2016 at 6:30 PM and present it to the board.

New Business: Terms for Barkell and Wright need to be extended to 2018. Denise will recommend to the Board that terms be extended. Denise met with Lori Ware regarding the continued park conversation and the first order of business is to send letters of intent for changes to the Master Plan. Conway also advised that seeking grant money under the Recreational Passport/State of Michigan/DNR is worth a shot and they will cover anything to do with outdoor activities. A resolution was made to recommend to the board our intent to update the Master Plan. Roll call: Denise, yes, Linda, yes, Marsha, yes, Mike, yes and Dave, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: Welcome to the Planning Commission new member, Marsha McKee. We moved onto changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Under 21.19 B 3 Outdoor Furnaces. It will now read **"The furnace shall have a chimney that meets manufacturer's specifications for height."** The rest of the sentence will be deleted. Section 21.6 A 2, we will add at the beginning **"With the exception of mobile homes"** the dwelling shall have a minimum width across its front, side and rear elevation of twenty (20) feet. And lastly 21 8 G Accessory Uses, Building and Structures, we will add at the end of the sentence **"subject to the use by owner and approval by the Zoning Administrator"**. A Public Hearing is set for Tuesday April 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm for comments for or against these amendments to the Hamilton Township Zoning Ordinance.

Reports: Mark gave his report at the Township Board meeting on March 3, 2016.

Next regular PC meeting and Public Hearing for amendments to the Z. O. will be on 4-12-2016 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Wright and 2nd by McKee to adjourn at 7:13 PM. All in favor motion carried.

Lidna Barkell Secretary.