**Hamilton Township**

**Planning Commission Minutes of November 2, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call Attendance:**

Present: Marsha McKee, Mike Conway, Jesse Fritz, Kelly Bennett and Linda Barkell

Absent: none

Guests: Ruby and Bob from Clare County Animal Control

Staff Present: Melissa Townsend, Zoning Administrator

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Conway and 2nd by McKee to accept the agenda as written. All in favor. M/C.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Barkell read the minutes of 9-7-2022 to all present. Motion by Conway and 2nd by McKee to accept the minutes as written with corrections. All in Favor. M/C.

**Public Comments**: none

**Zoning Administrators report:** Melissa generalized her written report and copies are in the minute’s cabinet.

**Old Business:** Conway suggested that the PC keep the Z.O. for 720 square ft. minimum and not make any changes. Motion by Conway and 2nd by Bennett to accept this motion. All in Favor. M/C. There was a brief discussion regarding 2 homes on 1 platted property. We will review this when we meet for the Z. O. review in 2023.

**New Business:** Ruby and Bob from the Clare County Animal Control came to our meeting to discuss what they do on a daily basis. They do go out on dog(s) at large complaint calls. Calls for barking dogs and noise are a low priority as they are busy with dog(s) at large and dog bites. There is a noise and dog barking ordinance through the County. Tickets issued by them for violations are $150.00. Licensed Kennels are covered under a County Ordinance and fees are paid to them by the kennel owners for inspections. They suggested the Township come up with a number of dogs allowed and they can then do enforcement. We will research this and we were told that Hayes Township allows 2 dogs and 2 cats. Surrey Township has 2 dogs. We then discussed dates for PC meetings and workshops for 2023. We will meet on January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15, March 1, 15 and 29, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17. June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6, 2023. All meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

**Next Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM.**

Adjournment: Motion by Conway and 2nd by Bennett to adjourn at 7:45 PM. All in Favor. M/C.

Linda Barkell-Secretary.