

**Hamilton Township
Planning Commission Minutes of 1-3-2024**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Kelly Bennett and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call Attendance:

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

Absent: Jesse Fritz

Guests: 0

Staff Present: Melissa Townsend, Zoning Administrator

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda reviewed by all present and 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 12-6-2023 to all present and motion by McKee and 2nd by Bennett to approve the minutes with 1 correction. All in Favor, M/C.

Public Comments: none

Zoning Administrators report: Melissa turned in a monthly report along with and end of year report and they are in the minute's cabinet.

New Business: none

Old Business: Discussed agenda items. We discussed updating the Cemetery Ordinance and feel that it's a good Ordinance and all that is needed is some updating to Township policy on lot assignments and a few other minor updates, if needed. Barkell questioned if these changes must be included in the Ordinance or can it be Township Policy? We discussed changing the Enforcement of all Police Power Ordinances to read: "Enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be the Hamilton Township Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Officer (or such other Hamilton Township Official as may be designated by the Hamilton Township Board), the Hamilton Township Zoning Administrator, the Hamilton Township Attorney, the Clare County Sheriff's Department and/or the Michigan State Police". We will place the Fireworks Ordinance in the Police Power Ordinances. Kelly will get the State Definitions for Solar and Special Event/Wedding Venues for Article 1. "Spillers Pay Ordinance should be placed in the Police Power Ordinances. Special Event/Wedding Venue will be known as Article 20. In Table 4-2, Short Term Rentals will be allowed in all Districts," By Right" and Special Event/Wedding Venues allowed in AG and RR with a "Special Use Permit" and Solar is" By right" in all districts. In the Solar Ordinance we will add in Section D under "offsite solar energy systems" Sentence E, Security bond will be required add: "security bond in the amount of \$100K dollars or the complete cost to put back to original state, to be reassessed every 3 years. In Article 8/Standards and Regulation for Specific Land Uses: Add Solar, Short Term Rental and Special Event/Wedding Venue to reflect: See Table 4-4 and refer to the specific Article number assigned to the Ordinance.

Adjournment: Motion by Conway to adjourn at 8:45 PM and 2nd by McKee. All in Favor, M/C,

Next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Linda Barkell-Secretary