

**Hamilton Township  
Planning Commission Minutes  
Public Hearing 5-1-2024  
Regular Planning Commission meeting of 5-1-2024**

Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 PM by Kelly Bennett and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call Attendance:**

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

Absent: none

Guests: 2

Staff Present: Melissa Townsend, Zoning Administrator and Keith Rolph, Blight Enforcement Officer

**Open Public Hearing:** Kelly went over amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance to the PC and guests present. Mr. Dennis O'Mell asked if he could place 2 cremation remains in 1 plot. He was answered: yes.

**Public Comments for or Against the Amendments:** None

Motion made by Fritz to recommend to the board adoption of the amendments as written and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Bennett. All in Favor, M/C,

**Closed Public Hearing at 6:20 PM**

**At 6:30 PM Kelly Bennett opened the regular P.C. meeting**

The attendance by the P.C., guests and staff present remained the same.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda reviewed by all present and motion by McKee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway to accept the agenda as written with 1 addition. All in Favor, M/C.

**Approval of the minutes:** Barkell read the minutes 4-3-2024 to all present and motion by Fritz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McKee to approve the minutes with 3 corrections. All in Favor, M/C.

**Public Comments:** none

**Zoning Administrators report:** Melissa reports 7 permits issued. Violation sent for Swine and resolved. 1 illegal shed. Short Term Rental inspections are going good. 4 out of 8 are completed.

**New Business:** Kelly reports there are 9 House bills in Lansing regarding Short Term Rentals. They are 5438, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5442, 5443, 5444, 5445 and 5446. The State of MI wants to create a data base for citizens to register their Rentals and advertisement by a rental firm cannot be done until the rental is registered. There will be a 6 percent excise tax paid to the State and then a portion will be sent to the municipality for their use. Bills have not passed yet and they're going back to committee.

Mr. Charles Brennan was present. He is looking to develop a Haunted Trail on Mostetler Rd. He was present to gather information as to what is needed for a permit and what issues there are in obtaining a

permit. He had a market review done for feasibility of such business. He advised the PC that he started a website and is putting up billboards along the highway. Melissa questioned him about ticket sales. He replied that tickets sales cannot be purchased as you will get an error code. He was advised a site plan needs to be submitted to the Planning Commission and be done by a professional. He was advised the Special Event/Wedding Venue Ordinance only allowed such business on a paved road. Also multiple sections of the Z.O. had to be complied with to obtain a permit. We discussed the paved road issue and we have written to our attorney for some clarification on that issue as it was believed this is or maybe State Law. We have a question about ADA compliance.

**Old Business:** none

**Adjournment:** Motion by Fritz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway to adjourn at 7:19 PM. All in favor, M/C.

**Next Regular PC Meeting is June 5, 2024, at 6:30 PM if necessary.**

Linda Barkell Secretary