

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

December 18, 2019

6:30 p.m.

304 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, Michigan

PLANNING COMMISSION		
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	BRIAN PROKUDA MATT IKLE BILL CALL	LAURA ABRAMSON BILL ANDERSON DENNIS BOWDOIN
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	JEANNE CLUM	
STAFF PRESENT:	KATHLEEN KLINE-HUDSON ROB STANFORD SCOTT BARB	
OTHERS PRESENT:	BRUCE POWELSON, MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Prokuda at 6:30 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
3. **ROLL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Action: IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER IKLE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA DATED DECEMBER 18, 2019, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON.

All in favor, motion passed.

5. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Action: IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER IKLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2019, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CALL.

All in favor, motion passed.

6. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None.

7. ZONING REVIEWS:

A. Z-56-19: HARTLAND TOWNSHIP, ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS - ARTICLE 5.0 SITE STANDARDS, SECTION 5.12.E. SIDEWALKS AND PATHWAYS.

The Hartland Township Attorney has reviewed the current maintenance requirements for sidewalks and pathways in the Hartland Township Zoning Ordinance, and recommends eliminating Section 5.12.E. until a revised sidewalk ordinance can be considered at a later date in a separate police powers ordinance as part of the codification of the Township's ordinances.

Township Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval. The Hartland Township Planning Commission recommended Approval of the amendments to Section 5.12 E. at their November 21, 2019 meeting. The meeting minutes were not available at the time of this review, so it is unknown if anyone from the public spoke on this proposed amendment.

Staff Recommendation: Approval. The proposed text amendment is reasonable and appropriate given that the maintenance requirements for sidewalks and pathways are punitive and should be included in a police powers ordinance separate from the zoning ordinance.

Commission Discussion: Commissioner Prokuda asked why they are eliminating this. Director Kline-Hudson said that the Township Attorney recommends removing the language from the zoning ordinance, revising the language and placing it in a general law ordinance. Commissioner Anderson had a question regarding safety paths. Commissioner Bowdoin would approve the text amendment with a comment in the post-meeting correspondence letter that states something similar to: as standard practice it is best to not remove language such as this from a zoning ordinance without simultaneously replacing it in the general law ordinance.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Action:

Commissioner Action: IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BOWDOIN TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON.

Motion passed: 6-0

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Progress on Planning Department Visits:** Scheduled added visits through early February 2020.

B. **January 29, 2020 MSU Extension Training:** Director Kline-Hudson explained the various ways this training opportunity has been promoted. She said that thus far, four local planning commissioners from the City of Howell and Oceola Township have signed up for the training. Commission Bowdoin stated that Conway Township will also be registering their planning commissioners.

9. NEW BUSINESS: None.

10. REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports:

- Planning Staff reported on zoning amendments that are anticipated to be on the January 2020 agenda.
- Planning Staff asked each Planning Commissioner to state the method by which they would like to receive their monthly meeting materials.

- Staff and Planning Commissioners provided highlights of the December 4 Planning Department Brown Bag Lunch on the regional Economic Development Strategy for Southeast Michigan.

Staff Reports (continued):

- Director Kline-Hudson described the Livingston County Outdoor Network (LivON) kick-off meeting of the Livingston County Trail Network Plan on the morning of December 18, 2019. She showed a preliminary map that was produced by the consultant, The Greenways Collaborative, and explained the intended outcomes of the plan.
- Director Kline-Hudson discussed a recent survey that County Planning has released to measure the effectiveness of the 2018 Livingston County Master Plan. Survey responses will determine future implementation strategies.

11. COMMISSIONERS HEARD AND CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Action: IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER IKLE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:01 P.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON.

Motion passed: 6-0

Approved