

**CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 14, 2017**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call: Present – Koster, Patton, Wilcox, Rutledge, Merchberger, Mahn, Dunn, Kozma**

**Absent – Pieri, Mahn**

**Guests – Dick Sterk**

**Election of Officers: *This item is tabled for the next regular meeting on March 14, 2017. All PC members weren't present and to be fair to them for election rights, it is noted for the March meeting and all PC members are now aware of the upcoming election.***

**Approval of Minutes:**

***Dunn made the motion to approve the 01-10-17 minutes as written. Wilcox supported. All Ayes. Absent: Pieri and Mahn. Motion carried.***

**Recommendation:**

***Dunn made a motion to the Clark Township Board to create an updated zoning map based on individual parcel ID number cards and zoning classification documentation across the street from and along the Shore Strip. Wilcox supported the motion. Ayes All. Absent: Pieri and Mahn. Motion carried.***

**Correspondence: None**

**Public Comment: None**

**Additions to the Agenda: Old Business – Public Access Sites**

**Approval of the Agenda:**

***Patton made the motion to approve the Agenda with the changes added and supported by Merchberger. Ayes All. Absent: Pieri and Mahn. Motion carried.***

**ZBA: None**

**Township Board Report:** Sarah Patton representing the Township Board.

- Clark Township Board met with the Harbor Group and Jeremy from UP Engineers. The design will be the UPE design with added aesthetics incorporated from both designs and this should be completed within two months.
- Hill Island Causeway: There are Grants for the culverts which will create a new fishing area parking and more fish spawning.
- The Township Board is disappointed with the conduct of the PC members and lack of respect for each other at the PC meetings. We need to be productive and focus on text amendments and not try to rewrite zoning ordinances. Can't rewrite things and have to wait five years to make changes. Need to move forward; voicing opinions is OK, but need to accomplish the goals. Koster added that the PC members need not to make personal attacks towards each other because we are here to make community and township decisions.

**Old Business**

Goals for 2017:

- Parking issue in Hessel is a top priority.
- Prioritize list with capital expenditures and improvements. Budgeting for particular things. Koster to do up a list for 2017 for accomplishments and move forward with them.
- The Township needs to hire a parking enforcer. The PC discussed how the Township is not obligated to provide parking for Island residents. However, Koster stated there are private lots for paid long term parking but some resident's park on the street or near the marina to be closer to the launch.
- Public Lake Access Sites is a section in the Ordinance but Dunn suggested the PC discuss making improvements to some access sites as written in a recommendation from July 13, 2010. Koster stated the PC needs to ask the Township Attorney if it is legal to allow some activities at some access sites but not at all access sites. He also stated that the Ordinance contains a violation section but this needs to be enforced. Patton and Dunn stated they will meet and review documents to determine and pinpoint the 18 road access points in Clark Township.

**Adjournment**

***Motion by Patton. Seconded by Rutledge to adjourn. Ayes All. Absent: Pieri and Mahn. Motion carried.***