

Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2023

1. **Call to Order** - 2022 Vice-Chair Carolan called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: *Namrata Carolan, Vice-Chair; Jack McLain, Secretary; Susan Smith; Steve Lanius; Troy Reehl*
Members Absent: *Annette Scoville-Excused; Michael Clark -Excused*
3. **Public Comment** - *None*
4. **Correspondences** - *None*
5. **Approval of Minutes** - *Motion by McLain to approve the January 23, 2023 minutes. Second by Lanius. Approved unanimously.*
6. **Approval of Agenda** - *Motion by Smith to approve the May 15, 2023 agenda. Second by Reehl. Approved unanimously.*
7. **Public Hearings** - *No public hearings scheduled.*
8. **Unfinished Business** - *No unfinished business listed.*
9. **New Business**
 - a. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary - *Motion by Smith to nominate Carolan as Chair. Second by Reehl. Approved unanimously. Motion by Carolan to nominate Smith as Vice-Chair. Second by Reehl. Approved unanimously. Motion by Carolan to nominate Reehl as Secretary. Second by McLain. Approved unanimously.*
 - b. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications
 - i. Camden Township - Eicher (Section 26 T8S R4W 60 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement - *Motion by McLain to recommend approval of the application. Second by Smith. Approved unanimously.*
 - c. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications
 - i. Allen Township - Hughes (Section 12 T6S R4W 100 acres m/l)
Program Type: Solar Panel Application - *Motion by McLain to recommend the application not be approved because Solar Panels are not currently included in the County's Master Plan. Second by Lanius. Approved unanimously.*
10. **Any Other Business/On-going Business**
 - a. Continued discussion on update of Master Plan
 - i. Review Region 2 Planning Commission Proposal - *Member Carolan briefly discussed her presentation to the County Board of Commissioners on the status of the Planning Commission and the need for more*

resources. It was the consensus to seek increased funding as part of the 2024 budget process to assist the County's Planning Commission in its administrative duties including the updating of the County's Master Plan.

11. Public Comment - None

12. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by McLain. Second by Reehl. Approved unanimously to adjourn at 2:12 p.m.

Troy Reehl, Secretary

Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale