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**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Hillsdale City Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**October 18, 2023**  
**5:30 pm**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

**II. Members Present**

- A. Members Present: Chairman Eric Moore, Commissioner William Morrissey, Commissioner Elias McConnell, Commissioner Kerry Laycock, Commissioner Penny Swan
- B. Public Present: Zoning Administrator Alan Beeker, Lorissa Mekelburg, Carolyn Freese, Sue Walter, Jack McLain, Matt Taylor, Lisa Martin, Aaron Freese, Ginger Moore, Mike Rudzinski, Josh Tabor
- C. Members Absent: Vice Chair Ron Scholl, Commissioner Roma Rogers

**III. Public Comment**

Carolyn Freese – Lives on Wildwood Dr, was a victim of the February 2022 flooding caused by Airport runoff, would like something done regarding future changes at airport for runoff control  
Lorissa Mekelburg – Lives on Wildwood Dr, was a victim of the February 2022 flooding caused by Airport runoff in which insurance did not cover anything, would like something done regarding future changes at airport for runoff control

Lisa Martin - Lives on Wildwood Dr, was a victim of the February 2022 flooding caused by Airport runoff, would like something done regarding future changes at airport for runoff control, lost everything in basement

Sue Walter - Lives on Wildwood Dr, was a luck survivor of the February 2022 flooding caused by Airport runoff, has lived there for 44 years and has not seen flooding like this until the airport taxiway was added, would like something done regarding future changes at airport for runoff control

Aaron Freese – AA Landscape Owner, gets flooded 3-4 times a year, wants a plan from PC to divert water to the rearing ponds

Jack McLain – wants water study done for the airport before more buildings are built

**IV. Consent Agenda and Minutes**

- A. Motion to approve the Consent items as presented and September PC minutes made by Commissioner Swan, seconded by Commissioner Morrissey, motion approved unanimously.

**V. Site Plan Review**

- A. Hillsdale Academy Addition: Motion to approve by Commissioner Swan, seconded by Commissioner Morrissey, approved unanimously
- B. Hillsdale City Airport Terminal Building:
  - i. Mike Rudzinski, airport engineer, explains airport plan to move terminals for safety and updating reasons
  - ii. Discussion of water handling from drainage runoff buildings and runways
  - iii. Motion to table until there is a plan of action on drainage and a study made by commissioner Swan, seconded by Morrissey, approved unanimously

**VI. Old Business**

- A. Sec. 36-436 Accessory Structure Ordinance:
- i. Motion to move public hearing as previously scheduled for October PC meeting to November meeting by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Swan, approved unanimously

**VII. New Business**

- A. Citizen Participation Plan:
- i. Alan Beeker explains CPP
  - ii. Motion to have public hearing regarding CPP by Commissioner Morrissey, seconded by Commissioner Swan, approved unanimously

**VIII. Zoning Administrator Report**

- A. Keefer Hotel is moving forward with interior construction
- B. Moore Rd moving forward for Meijer intersection
- C. Hallett St Bridge will be rebuilt via Modern Waste insurance, currently being removed after automobile accident

**IX. Commissioner's Comments**

- A. Discussion of Meijer and Keefer progress
- B. Comments on water flooding Keefer

**X. Public Comment**

Lisa Martin – concerned for coming winter and potential flooding without emergency action plan  
Josh Taylor – Lives on Wildwood, neighbor to those affected by flooding, entire culvert was expelling water  
Jack McLain – Mentions Hillsdale City has a pump truck, baseball field fence height over 6 feet

**XI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Laycock moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Swan seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1828 pm.

**XII. Next meeting: November 15, 2023 at 5:30 pm.**