

# CITY OF HILLSDALE



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## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

**JOINT MEETING with  
HILLSDALE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
HILLSDALE TOWNSHIP HALL,  
1469 LAKE WILSON ROAD  
April 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

### **I. Call to Order 6:31 pm**

- A. City PC Members present: Chair Amber Yoder, Eric Moore, Robert Schall, M.D., Kerry Laycock
- B. Twp. PC Members present: Chair Joe Sanford, Vice Chair Ann Fike, Secretary Margaret Braman, Paul Karlovich, Chuck Keefer, Tim Wilcox, Mark Williams
- C. Others present: Alan Beeker (Zoning Administrator), Michelle Loren (Recreation Director)
- D. Members absent: Laura Smith (excused), Mayor Scott Sessions (excused), Vice Chair Samuel Nutter

### **II. Old Business**

#### A. Joint Recreation Plan Amendment

- Ms. Loren gave an overview of the amendment progress for the City's sections of the recreation plan.
- Mr. Sanford stated that the demographics in the plan would need to be updated.
- Ms. Loren stated that the survey results will also need to be updated. She asked the Commissions which survey method they would recommend.
- The Township PC also will need to update the current infrastructure that is listed in the plan.
- Ms. Loren informed the Commissions that with this joint plan, the communities will be eligible to apply for state grant funding for various recreation related projects.
- Mr. Sanford would like to contact Fayette Township and the City of Jonesville in three years to discuss doing a joint plan that includes them as well. They recently hired consultants to complete their current plans.
- Mr. Laycock listed several options for online surveys. He is willing to help Mr. Beeker and Ms. Loren to create and publish an online survey.
- The Township PC also indicated a need to list winter recreation opportunities in the plan.
- Mr. Sanford asked what type of power the Headwaters Authority had to levy millages for recreational projects. Ms. Loren informed the Commissions that they had very limited powers and that a great deal of planning and research needs to be accomplished prior to putting it on a ballot.
- The Commissions will work at creating the survey and amending their respective sections of the plan. They scheduled another joint meeting for June 20, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Hillsdale City Hall.

**III. Adjournment at 7:31 pm** – Joe Sanford moved to adjourn, Ann Fike seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

**Next City Planning Committee meeting: May 16, 2017 at 5:30 pm.**