



# CITY OF HILLSDALE

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES HILLSDALE CITY HALL, 97 N. Broad Street January 16, 2018 at 5:30 PM

### **I. Call to Order 5:30 pm**

- A. Members present: Chair Amber Yoder, Councilman William Morrissey, Vice Chair Samuel Nutter, Eric Moore, Eric Swisher, Kerry Laycock
- B. Others present: Alan Beeker (Zoning Administrator), Mary Wolfram, Jack McLain
- C. Members absent: Ron Scholl (excused)

### **II. Consent Items/Communications**

- A. Kerry Laycock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Eric Swisher seconded, motion passed.

### **III. Public Comment**

Jack McLain – Correction on November minutes re: members present. He had several suggestions for amendments re: Planning Commission By-laws.

Mary Wolfram – has several ideas and comments for Overnight Parking and asked to be included in the discussion.

### **IV. Old Business**

### **V. New Business**

- A. Region 2 Planning Commission Report – Mr. Beeker presented a brief overview of the R2PC meeting.
- B. Commission By-Laws Review – Mr. Beeker will look for minutes from Council regarding the 2011 ordinance and anything pertaining to the 2013 by-laws. Since the by-laws and the ordinance are not the same, the Commission chose to start with the 2011 rules and amend. Kerry Laycock moved to table the matter until February asking that a determination as to which version, 2011 or 2013 takes precedent and the PC members shall review and make suggestions. Eric Moore seconded. Eric Swisher asked that minutes from 2013 be found. Motion passed.
- C. Downtown Overnight Parking – Mr. Beeker asked the PC to consider opening all of the streets in the downtown to overnight parking. Ms. Wolfram wondered why the restrictions were put in place in the first place. Mr. Moore stated that when he developed the apartments in his building, there was an uphill battle to get the spaces on North St. designated to overnight parking. The concern is people parking and leaving their cars for more than the allowed time. The key to all of this would be enforcement by the police. Mr. Laycock suggested allowing unloading zones near residential areas.

**VI. Public Comment**

Jack McLain – Feels that one of the main issues with downtown parking is lack of enforcement. Is encouraged that the Planning Commission is finally looking at the by-laws. He disagrees with the recently adopted definitions of “family”. He feels that street numbers on properties need to be better enforced.

**VII. Adjournment at 7:23 pm** – Samuel Nutter moved to adjourn, Eric Swisher seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting: February 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm.**