

**Hamilton Township Planning Commission  
Hamilton Township Hall  
March 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Steve Petersen, Sherry DeLoach, William Lawson, David Cerven, Rich Conway and John Young

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bob May, Zoning Administrator  
Robin Young, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:** 1 guest

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Conway/2<sup>nd</sup> by DeLoach. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as amended by Lawson/2<sup>nd</sup> by DeLoach. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Limited Public Comment

None

6. Old Business

a. Discuss ordinance amendment for shipping containers and accessory building limits.

Vote on above ordinance

Conway asked May to read and interpret the ordinance amendment line for line. May read the draft ordinance amendments.

Young asked May if the township attorney had reviewed the draft amendments. May said no that the attorney had not reviewed the draft.

Young stated that he would like the draft amendments to be split into two separate votes. His opinion is that they are two different issues. The rest of the Commissioners did not want to split the draft amendments into two votes.

Young stated that what was previously discussed was the use of shipping containers allowed for agricultural (“AG”) use or temporary use attached to a building permit. According to the draft amendment it appeared that they would be allowed as permanent in any AG zoned properties over two acres. May stated yes, they are considered as a permanent structure. Young would like the language changed to AG use or temporary use, as previously discussed. The rest of the Commissioners did not want the language changed.

Young stated that he would like the minimum parcel size to be more than two acres. The rest of the Commissioners did not want the parcel size changed.

Conway wanted clarification if the shipping containers were for AG use only or could be used anywhere designated AG zoned. May stated it was anywhere zoned AG.

Young said that he did not want to see the shipping containers adjoined and requested language be put in to not allow that. The rest of the Commissioners did not want to limit adjoining the shipping containers and did not want the language changed.

Motion to approve the amendments by Cerven/2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway.

Young requested a roll call vote.

Sherry DeLoach	Yes
David Cerven	Yes
Steve Petersen	Yes
Bill Lawson	Yes
Rich Conway	Yes
John Young	No

Motion passed.

Petersen asked for a motion to send it to the Hamilton Township Board for approval. May said that the Planning Commission did not have to do that before the Public Hearing. May read thru the rules. The Commissioners decided to proceed with the motion to send it to the Hamilton Township Board for a head nod before setting a Public Hearing.

Motion by Conway/2<sup>nd</sup> by Lawson. Motion passed with one abstention.

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lawson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Electronically Signed By:

Robin Young, Recording Secretary

