

**Barry County Planning Commission  
Minutes  
October 23, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Clyde Morgan at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Tyden Building located at 121 South Church Street in Hastings. The Planning Commission members in attendance included Morgan, Levi Bolthouse, Jack Miner, Michael Barney, and Jack Nadwornik. Ben Geiger and Robert Vanderboegh were absent. Also in attendance were James McManus and Jim Brown.

*Motion by Morgan to excuse Vanderboegh. Supported by Barney. All ayes - motion carried.*  
McManus asked to amend the agenda to include a date setting for a text amendment to include marinas in the MU zoning district. He noted the applicant is still not positive on whether he will go through with the request depending on the ultimate decision on the non-conforming status of the facility. McManus suggested setting January 22, 2018 as the date of the public hearing,

Motion by Miner to include setting the date for the text amendment on the agenda. Support by Bolthouse. All ayes - motion carried.

Motion by Miner to set January 22, 2018 as the date for the public hearing for the text amendment. Support by Nadwornik. All ayes - motion carried.

The Minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting were reviewed by the Planning Commission. Motion by Barney to approve the Minutes as printed. Support by Miner. All ayes - motion carried.

**FARMLAND AGREEMENTS**

**17-13**

**Geerlings Hillside Farms, LLC**

McManus said the property is in Section 5 of Carlton Township. He noted the property is 15 acres in size and is nearly 100% tillable. He said it is zoned and planned Agricultural.

Motion by Barney to recommend the approval of 17-13 to the Board of Commissioners. Support by Bolthouse. All ayes - motion carried.

17-14

**Brook View Dairy, LLC**

McManus noted the property is located in Section 11 of Carlton Township. He noted it is nearly 80 acres of which 58 acres are tillable. He said the property is zoned and planned Agricultural.

Motion by Nadwornik to recommend approval of 17-14 to the Board of Commissioners. Support by Miner. All ayes - motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

McManus gave an update on the Gun Lake Marina. He noted there still has not been a final resolution as to non-conforming status.

McManus updated the Commissioners on Baltimore Township's adoption of a Medical Marihuana Ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Brown suggested amending the ordinance to re-evaluate the square footage requirement for apartments. He noted the City of Hastings changed their ordinance to require basic amenities and to not worry about the size of the area.

Barney noted they had looked at the size of housing previously. He asked if Brown wanted less than 600 square feet. Brown noted a 48x60 4-plex would fit on a city lot.

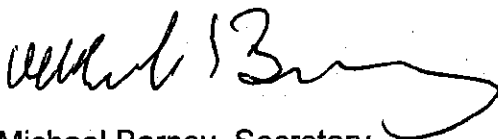
Barney noted less square footage could make it more affordable.

The Planning Commission suggested that McManus look into dwelling sizes.

Motion by Miner to adjourn. Support by Nadwornik. All ayes – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Barney, Secretary