

**Helga Township
Planning Commission Board
Minutes
April 3, 2013**

PRESENT:

Planning Commission Members Silas Hooker, Brian Hughes, Verlyn Skersick, Eric Schulke and Mona Dagestad

Silas called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting minutes of February 16, 2013 were presented. **Motion** made by Brian to accept the minutes, Second by Silas, approved.

Meeting minutes of February 20, 2013 were presented. **Motion** made by Verlyn to accept the minutes, second by Eric, approved.

Meeting minutes of March 4, 2013 were presented. **Motion** made by Brian to accept the minutes, second by Verlyn, approved.

No agenda presented.

DISCUSSION:

Silas asked if members had an opportunity to review the ordinances and if so what was their opinion?

All agreed that we need to clean up and simplify the Land Use Ordinance. It needs to be in words that the average person (so that someone without professional training in the subject area) can understand.

We discussed permits, applications, site inspections and the fee schedule. Noted it might be in our best interest to have two members attend inspections. Brian recalled the last modification to the fee schedule was to put them at a level of "No profit/ No loss" to the township. We all agreed that the fee schedule needs to be reviewed.

Hot Topics identified:

- The need for a Land use administrator
- Possibly 1 Commercial Zone instead of 2
- Home Occupations
- Land Use Map (or lack thereof)

Mona will see if she can get copies of ordinances from Henrietta and Rockwood townships.

Next meeting May 1, 2013 (7 PM) at Helga Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** to adjourn made by Brian, second by Mona, approved

Respectfully submitted

 5-1-13
Mona Dagestad


Silas Hooker (Chair)