

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert May.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

The secretary read the "Open Public Meetings Act" Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the "Star Gazette" and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board all on February 14, 2014.

Present at this meeting were: Chairman, Robert May, Vice Chairman, Gerry Manger and members: Mary Billow, Verity Fox, Jane Guthrie, Darren Koeppen and Julie Steven. Absent were members: Lacey DiTondo and Henry Morgan.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2014 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. May noted that on page 2 under Old Business the word "was" was left out. The minutes should read "It was remarked ...". A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Manger to approve the minutes as amended. By voice vote, all were in favor.

APPLICATIONS 14-07 423 Hope Blairstown Rd., US Gas. This application was for approval for a sandwich board sign indicating gas prices. A brief discussion was held during which time it was decided that the sign was helpful to residents. It was also decided that the application is approved as long as the \$25.00 annual permit fee was paid and the company was compliant with all other aspects of the sign ordinance. This motion was made by Manger, seconded by Billow. Roll Call: Guthrie-yes, Koeppen-yes, Fox-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The Chairman signed and sealed the approved application.

14-08, 331 High St., Hope Junction Antiques. This application was for approval of signage at the business. After reviewing the submitted application, the commission had questions which could not be answered with the information provided on the application. It looks like the number of sandwich board signs was changed either from 1 to 2 or from 2 to 1. The question that the commission members had was how many signs were to be approved? What did the signs look like? Where would the signs be placed on the property? The commission members instructed the secretary to send back a copy of the application to the applicant along with a blank application asking them to resubmit with all the necessary information. The secretary agreed to do that.

At this point, Manger noted that there are a total of 3 sandwich board signs at the Inn. All of the signs are on the Inn property, but the question was raised as to whether they were allowed, by the sign ordinance to have 3 of them. Koeppen

noted that the music coming from the Inn on the weekends seemed to be much better, not as loud as it had been recently.

OLD BUSINESS Koeppen noted that the black chain link fence was erected behind the Century Link Building on Walnut St. and it didn't look that bad. A discussion ensued with regard to the chain link fence and the wood-look fence that was due to be erected next. All agreed that the members should ride by or stop by the property and take a look at the fence as it is now and see if, perhaps with the plantings that are to be placed outside the fence, the wood-look fence might not be needed. It was suggested that the members contact the secretary with their opinion and based on the consensus, she would contact Century Link and ask them to hold off on the wood-look fence and possibly suggest alternate plant material that would work well with the chain link.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by Manger, seconded by Fox to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote all were in favor. Several members noted that they would going up to the Century Link Building at this time to take a look at the fence and would contact the secretary with their thoughts.

Respectfully Submitted,

secretary