

Township of Hamilton, NJ  
June 6, 2018

A meeting of the Township of Hamilton Industrial Commission was held on the above date with Chairman Gordon Craig presiding.

Present Members: Robert Laws, Lucas MacFarlane, Ariane Newman and Charlie Pritchard.

Absent Members: Jack Carson and Susan Hopkins.

Also present: Solicitor, Robert Sandman and Marketing Agent, Tony DiDio.

Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law was acknowledged.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Pritchard moved, seconded by Mr. Laws to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH FOUR (4) MEMBERS VOTING "AYE," NO "NAY," and NO "ABSTAIN."

Discussion Items:

Chairman Craig received an email from Susan Hopkins regarding her business opportunities which will have her traveling more than she thought when she was appointed to the board. She would like the board to consider her as a "call in" for future meetings. Chairman Craig brought up 2 points for members to consider. A previous member did this and he feels it was distracting to the board members and he is against this. Mr. Carson spoke to Mr. Craig about when he called in to Planning Board meetings and felt it worked well.

Discussion ensued regarding Skype and "call ins" if a member cannot attend meetings.

Chairman Craig stated all future meetings will be scheduled once a month but members will meet once a quarter due to nothing happening at the moment. If needed, a Special Meeting can be called. If Ms. Hopkins cannot attend quarterly meetings then she would be asked to resign. Discussion ensued regarding members phoning in.

Mr. Craig would like to table this discussion until he talks to Ms. Hopkins.

Mr. Laws entered the meeting at 6:10 pm.

The next item for discussion is the violations which Mr. Dido received from the Zoning Officer. Mr. Craig spoke to the Zoning Officer and stated the issues are with the sign on Wrangleboro Road and the size of the signs. Mr. Craig will write a letter to Township Committee regarding a possible change in the ordinance for the size. He also suggested that Mr. DiDio talk to the Zoning Officer about the violation and let her know he is working with the Industrial Commission for a solution.

Agenda Amendment: Mr. Pritchard moved, seconded by Mr. McFarlane to amend the agenda in order to approve the minutes from the April meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH FIVE (5) MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Laws moved, seconded by Mr. Pritchard to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2018 meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH FOUR (4) MEMBERS VOTING “AYE,” NO “NAY,” and ONE (1) “ABSTAIN.”

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Motion Carries

Report from Solicitor: There were no items.

Report from Marketing Agent: Mr. DiDio stated there has been an increase in the recreational cannabis industry and a group did have an interest in the park. Some counties may be more inviting than others. Discussion ensued regarding this industry.

Further discussion ensued in regards to bringing new industry to the Township and what is happening in Atlantic County.

Executive Session- There were no items.

Public Comments –Chairman Craig stated on the record that there was no public present. Mr. Pritchard moved, seconded by Mr. Laws to close the public portion of the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”.

Adjournment – Mr. Pritchard moved, seconded by Mr. Laws, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, and NO “ABSTAIN”.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Sartorio-Acting Secretary

In the absence of Deborah  
Ohnemuller, Secretary