



**MINUTES**  
**Newaygo City Planning Commission Meeting**  
**March 28, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at City Hall located at 28 State Road, Newaygo MI 49337

Roll Call: Present: Faulkner, Fetterley, Hikade, Kroll, Looman, Westcott, Williams  
Absent: Chambers, Wight  
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary

Motion by Hikade, second by Looman to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Faulkner, second by Hikade to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mitchell Murray, from Michigan Agricultural Commodities (MAC), read a letter from MAC, which was handed out to each Commissioner prior to the meeting. The letter was regarding the City's interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance related to Height Exceptions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Looman, second by Westcott to approve 02/21/19 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

**RESERVED TIME**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Looman, second by Fetterley to approve everything within original Muskegon River Inn building footprint. Those items outside original building footprint are approved contingent upon easement encroachment issues being resolved with City Council. Also, storm water pipes/drains must be disconnected from sanitary sewer system and directed to or connected to storm water catch basins. AIF/MC Schneider stated that original plans had been approved in 2014. Jay and Heather Allen, owners of Muskegon River Inn and Steve Boluyt, General Contractor for Muskegon River Inn gave an update on the project. Board asked questions relating to: sprinklers, future of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, security, the elevator and tenant parking, which the Allens and Boluyt answered. Schneider gave an update on ADA ramp that will be in the back of building.

Motion by Faulkner, second by Hikade at 6:54 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment on Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding Height Exceptions. AIF/MC No comments under public hearing. Motion by Hikade, second by Looman at 6:55 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Schneider stated Council Members and Planning Commissioners had recommended at previous meetings to make wording in Zoning Ordinance related to Height Exceptions more clear. The City Attorney reviewed Ordinance and made proposed changes being discussed. Board discussed proposed wording and current wording on Zoning Ordinance regarding Height Exceptions. They discussed that the current Zoning Ordinance does not give flexibility on height exceptions but the proposed revision could under a special land use. Schneider stated that MAC had requested an interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Height Exceptions and said that a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is being held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Schneider showed maps of current silos and site of

proposed new silo. Schneider stated that Commissioners only dealing with paragraph relating to Height Exceptions of Zoning Ordinance and not approving MAC site plans.

Motion by Looman, second by Hikade to recommend approval of Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding Height Exceptions. AIF/MC

Schneider discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He said an "IAmNewaygo" Public Engagement meeting is being held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Newaygo Elementary. Schneider gave an update on public MDOT meeting that was held discussing repair on M-37 Bridge this summer and lane striping plans once completed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Hikade asked about Whiskey Wood Hill road repair. Schneider stated that water had been under the road. He said the road has been repaired and is now open.

Motion by Looman, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. AIF/MC

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Secretary-Mike Hikade