



**MINUTES**  
**Newaygo City Planning Commission**  
**February 6, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm at City Hall located at 28 State Road, Newaygo MI 49337

Roll Call: Present: Chambers, Fedell, Looman, Westcott, Wight, Williams  
Absent: R. Faulkner, Fetterley, Hikade  
Also Present: Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary, Scott Faulkner: Economic and Community Development Coordinator

Motion by Westcott, second by Williams to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Looman to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Fedell, second by Westcott to approve 01/09/2020 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

**RESERVED TIME**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Westcott, second by Looman to approve AutoZone Site Plans. AIF/MC Wes Berlin, Engineer for AutoZone, was present and discussed site plan and layout for AutoZone. He stated that AutoZone is excited to come to Newaygo and would like to get started this spring. Board asked questions related to locations and time line which Berlin answered. Chambers had spoken with Schneider and stated that Schneider said he had no concerns with site plans and everything had been well vetted and AutoZone meets all Zoning Ordinances.

Motion by Williams, second by Looman to recommend that City Manager Jon Schneider and Chief of Police Andres proceed with making necessary Ordinance Amendments related to bicycles utilizing sidewalks. AIF/MC Looman discussed map of snowmobile path and potential bike path that was included in packets. She stated that she had been discussing options with Chief Andres and Chief said that the Michigan law had been updated and that sidewalks can be shared with bicycles. Looman discussed current bike path, budget to establish bike paths/routes, and accessibility challenges of area on Adams/State St.

S. Faulkner discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He discussed the restoration of four downtown Newaygo properties that are in process, gave an update on the status of the pedestrian suspension bridge project and grant opportunity with MEDC, and gave an update on Christian Healthcare Centers. S. Faulkner stated that Sandmold is looking to sell their building and that he and Schneider are working with Sandmold to relocate their employees to The Stream. He said the next IAmNewaygo Public Engagement will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at The Stream and will focus on the pedestrian bridge and marketing and branding strategy.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Motion by Looman, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. AIF/MC

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Secretary-Mike Hikade