



MINUTES Newaygo City Planning Commission January 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chambers called the Planning Commission teleconference meeting to order at 6:30 pm. A teleconference meeting was held due to the MDHHS COVID-19 Emergency Order.

Roll Call: Present via teleconference: Chambers, DeVries, R. Faulkner, Fedell (joined meeting at 6:35 pm), Hikade, Westcott, Wight, Williams
Absent: Fetterley
Also Present via teleconference: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary, Scott Faulkner: Economic and Community Development Coordinator

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

Motion by Wight, second by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fedell, second by Wight to approve 12/10/2020 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Williams, second by R. Faulkner to approve Site Plan for new Dust Collector at GM Wood Products. AIF/MC Tyler Huntley and Kevin Karrip, representing GM Wood Products, were on the call and stated that 2020 was a good year for GM Wood Products and that they had added 60 new jobs during the year. They stated that new machinery had doubled their expansion and that the first dust collector installed was adequate prior to the new machinery, but the new dust collector was critical for the expansion. They stated that the new dust collector would minimize vibration and sound with a 50% noise reduction from the original dust collector. Schneider discussed location of dust collector and stated that it will be within setbacks required. He said that GM Wood Products had worked with the City to help mitigate noise with the original dust collector. Schneider stated that GM Wood Products had signed the Industrial Zoning District Performance Agreement which addresses maximum noise levels.

Motion by Wight, second by R. Faulkner to approve Site Plan for Shepherd Law Office at 24 W. Wood St. AIF/MC Matt Shepherd and Cory Nelson, representing Shepherd Law Office, were on the call and discussed the proposed site plan that was included in packets. Nelson stated that they are not expanding the building, but just performing a complete remodel. Shepherd said they will be moving their law office from their current location to new location once remodel is complete. Schneider stated that he did not have any concerns and excited to see that the vacant building at 24 W. Wood St. will be utilized.

Motion by Williams, second by Westcott to approve Resolution P21-01 setting the regular meeting dates of the Planning Commission for the year 2021. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Williams to reappoint Dave Chambers as Planning Commission Chair. AIF/MC

Motion by Williams, second by Wight to reappoint Ed Fedell as Planning Commission Vice-Chair. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by R. Faulkner to reappoint Mike Hikade as Secretary with Kim Goodin remaining Recording Secretary. AIF/MC

Scott Faulkner discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He gave an update on the Disc Golf Course and stated that approximately half of the funding was raised and that the City would be applying for a MEDC Patronicity Grant to assist with the remaining funding. Faulkner stated that initial Marketing and Branding ideas would be presented at the end of the month. He gave an update on Christian Healthcare Centers and said that site plans may be coming to the Planning Commission in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Schneider commented on growth at GM Wood Products.

Motion by R. Faulkner, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. AIF/MC

Secretary-Mike Hikade