



MINUTES
Newaygo City Planning Commission
November 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Fedell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Roll Call: Present: Chambers, DeVries, Fedell, Francis, Williams, Wight
Absent: Faulkner
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fedell, second by Wight to approve 10/06/2022 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed allowing two family structures in all Residential Zones in the City and also discussed allowing accessory dwelling units if sq. footage of single family home is met. Discussions included:

- Concern with investors purchasing older larger structures in the City and turning them into multiple family homes
- Concern with beautification
- Usually renter occupied, so less ownership
- If allow accessory dwelling units feel should be occupied by family and not allowed to rent additional unit
- Possibly hold a public hearing to get resident and community input if want to look at making changes and allowing two family structures in all residential zones

Motion by Wight, second by Francis to approve the rehab of the Powerhouse Building into an open air pavilion. AIF/MC Schneider discussed potential grant opportunities available and said that he will be working on the applications for those grants. Commissioners discussed: idea of deck/boardwalk on riverside of building, need to raise window thresholds to make safe if boards are removed from window openings, removal of grain dust would need to periodically be cleaned out of building, and if cameras may be needed to deal with potential graffiti. Public present did not offer any comments.

Commissioners discussed the “draft” Brooks Township Master Plan. No comments to forward to Brooks Township. Schneider gave an update on the Social Zone District stating that the grand opening would be Friday, November 11th at 4:00 pm. He gave updates on: housing projects, water/sewer projects, new businesses coming to the city, businesses expanding in the City, and the TIFA Façade Program. He stated that the City received “Essential Status” for Redevelopment ready Communities (RRC) through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Williams, second by Fedell to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC

Secretary-Sandy Williams