



MINUTES
Newaygo City Planning Commission
May 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:31pm at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Roll Call: Present: Chambers, DeVries, Fedell, Williams,
Absent: Faulkner, Francis, Wight
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary
Amy Dalman: City Code Enforcement Officer

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fedell, second by DeVries to approve 04/06/2023 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Fedell, second by Williams to approve Site Plans for 8005 Mason Drive contingent that dumpsters are placed within a proper enclosure per City Ordinance. AIF/MC Mike Espinoza, owner of Newaygo Plumbing, was present and stated that they currently lease space in the Industrial Park and would like to purchase 2 parcels at 8005 Mason Drive (Newaygo Auto Mall) and eventually combine the parcels. He stated that currently environmental reviews are being completed for 8005 Mason Dr. and if everything progresses in a positive manner that they hope to close on the parcels towards the end of summer. Espinoza stated that if Newaygo Plumbing is able to purchase the parcels that he would like to build a 40x60 building on the west side of the current building. He said that if the proposed building is completed that the only items outside would be trailers and dumpsters. Schneider stated that he and Espinoza had already discussed that per City Ordinance the outdoor dumpsters must be enclosed and that the current owner had previously gotten outdoor display approved for this location. Espinoza stated that in the future he may have a fixed outside display of an outdoor kitchen and an outdoor shower. Schneider stated that outdoor displays should not block the clear zones for traffic and the displays should be as close to the building as possible.

Motion by DeVries, second by Fedell to approve Site Plans for 8115 Mason Drive. AIF/MC Morgan Heinzman, current owner of Newaygo Auto Mall at 8005 Mason Drive and Newaygo Body Shop at 8115 Mason Dr was present and stated that he is proposing to sell 8005 Mason Drive to Newaygo Plumbing and proposing to add an addition to 8115 Mason Drive for an auto mechanic area. Heinzman stated that there are currently a total of 4 parcels on Mason Drive that he owns and the plan is to combine the parcels into 2 parcels. Schneider showed a map on the presentation screen of the proposed changes.

Schneider gave an update on collaboration between the City and Brooks Township to fund a study/hire a consultant to examine community public safety needs. He gave updates on the Powerhouse Building and various water/sewer projects. Schneider discussed TIFA Façade Grant Program and gave an update on Match on Main Street Grant that the River Stop Café had recently received. He stated that NCATS had received a grant and would be extending fiber optic to all the libraries in Newaygo County. Schneider said that Visser Development had recently sold River Run Apartments on M82 and that the new owner was considering a Phase 3 of adding additional apartments which had been approved at a past Planning Commission Meeting. Schneider discussed a potential service road that would be behind the businesses that are on the West side of Mason Drive between East St. and Cooperative Drive. Schneider and Fedell gave an update on the possibility of eliminating the loading

zone areas in the south parking lot downtown and Schneider stated that TIFA had recently approved funding for this potential project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Members made comments related to parking downtown during a wedding that was held at a Church on Justice Street and stated how nice area looks where trees are being removed along Bridge Street.

Motion by Williams, second by Fedell to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. AIF/MC

Secretary-Sandy Williams