



**MINUTES**  
**Newaygo City Planning Commission**  
**June 6, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

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

Motion by Williams, second by Wight 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 05/09/2024 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Schneider said that a City resident had recently placed a shipping storage container in his yard, without a permit, planning to use it as an accessory building. He stated that he spoke with the resident and told him that currently the City Ordinance does not list shipping storage containers, so they are prohibited, but that he would talk with the Planning Commission. Schneider displayed pictures of examples of shipping storage containers utilized as accessory buildings, garages, and houses. He explained current requirements regarding accessory buildings in the City. Board Member comments and discussion included:

- Board Member said that there are different kinds of accessory buildings currently in the City and did not see a problem with shipping storage containers being utilized as accessory buildings.
- Sturdiness of shipping storage containers
- Need to meet building codes
- Shipping storage containers located in commercial zones vs. residential zones
- Possibly allowing shipping storage containers, but requiring them to be painted to match house on parcel
- Shipping storage container sizes

Motion by Fedell to allow Shipping Storage Containers to be utilized as accessory buildings requiring that they are painted a color to match the house and meet all City requirements. There was no second on the motion. MOTION WAS NULL AND VOID.

Schneider displayed initial example images and concepts that the City Architects had presented for the Townsquare/Pocket Park at 8 W State Rd. Board and Schneider discussed:

- Grass easier to maintain rather than bushes and plants
- Not having a play area at this location because of high traffic on M37 and nearby parks already exist
- Amenities will be determined based on funding available for project

- Maintaining area
- Limiting entrances to area
- Planning to extend Social Zone District to this area when complete

Schneider said that images and concepts will be discussed at the next Council Meeting and stated that he is working on demolition of exiting building at 8 W State Rd.

Schneider stated that list of current projects, near future projects, and potential future projects was included in packets. He gave an update on sidewalk repair in front of Newaygo Brewery.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Motion by Fedell, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. AIF/MC

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Secretary-Sandy Williams