CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES 01/04/05

A meeting of the Ludington Planning Commission was held on January 4, 2005. The meeting was held at the Ludington Municipal Building, 400 S. Harrison St., Ludington, MI and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tom Coleman, Chairperson.

ROLL CALL: The roll call showed the following results:
Present: Tom Coleman, Kaye Holman, Joyce Usiak, Joe Moloney, Clay Olmstead, Val Gorzynski, Robert Garrett and Gary Castonia

Absent: Mike Nekola

Also Present: Building Inspector, John Healy, Recording Secretary, Carol Ann Foote

AGENDA APPROVAL:
Chairman Coleman added the election of officers and setting the day, date and time of 2005 meetings to New Business.
Commissioner Olmstead made a motion to approve the agenda, with additions, seconded by Commissioner Moloney. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None
Close Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Castonia made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Usiak. Commissioner Holman asked that a correction be made to page two of the minutes, *Now, the UPS drivers back into ~~the~~ her drive.* Commissioner Castonia made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, seconded by Commissioner Holman. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
To consider a request from Richard and Cheryl York to rezone the following described property from M-R (Motel Resort District) to LC (Limited Commercial):UNPLATTED SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 14, T18N, R18W, EXCEPT W 90 FT THEREOF, ALSO EXCEPT THE S 33 FT FOR STREET PURPOSES. 1.64 AC M/L, also known as 911 E. Ludington Ave.

Open public hearing.

Richard York, 4932 Rasmussen, told the commission that he was looking to purchase the property for a possible medical office building. He said that it was currently zoned as M-R (Motel Resort), and he would only be interested if he could utilize it for medical. He said that he had no current plans.

Close public hearing.

The recording secretary reported twenty-six notices were sent with no response.

Commissioner Olmstead reported that the Zoning Committee met and feels that rezoning the parcel to limited commercial was in the best interest of the city.

Commissioner Olmstead made a motion to recommend to City Council the rezoning of the UNPLATTED SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 14, T18N, R18W, EXCEPT W 90 FT THEREOF, ALSO EXCEPT THE S 33 FT FOR STREET PURPOSES. 1.64 AC M/L, also known as 911 E. Ludington Ave., from M-R (Motel Resort District) to LC (Limited Commercial), seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Comprehensive Plan:
Chairman Coleman reported that he met with the City Manager and discussed action items the Commission would like to pursue. He asked the Commissioners to look at the action items and pick a couple that they are interested in working on and they will discuss it at the next meeting.

Cartier Park:
Chairman Coleman reported that Christmas trees were being sent to the park. They could be chipped and used on the trails. Commissioner Olmstead asked if the paths were being plowed. Commissioner Moloney said that he could confirm that they were being plowed.

Timberworks, LLC:
Chairman Coleman reported it appears that there is contamination, but the area is much smaller than originally thought.

NEW BUSINESS:
Election of Officers:
Commissioner Garrett made a motion to nominate Tom Coleman, chair, and Clay Olmstead, vice-chair. Commissioner Holman asked to close the nominations and supported the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Coleman appointed the following committees:

Zoning: Clay Olmstead, Bob Garrett and Val Gorzynski
Special Land Use: Mike Nekola, Gary Castonia and Joyce Usiak
Text: Kaye Holman, Tom Coleman and Joe Moloney

The following days, dates and times were set for 2005 to be held at 400 S. Harrison St.:

February 7	7:00 p.m.	May 2	7:00 p.m.	August 1	7:00 p.m.	November 7	7:00 p.m.
March 7	7:00 p.m.	June 6	7:00 p.m.	September 6	7:00 p.m.	December 6	7:00 p.m.
April 11	6:00 p.m.	July 5	7:00 p.m.	October 3	7:00 p.m.		

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Commissioner Moloney suggested that, in addition to picking an action plan, they should think about the progress on the plan. He will try to come up with some ideas for the next meeting. There was further discussion about the Comprehensive Plan and the action items. This issue will be discussed further at the February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Foote, Recording Secretary

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Tom Coleman, Chairperson