CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMSION
MINUTES 04/08/08

A meeting of the Ludington Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. 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: Gary Schnitker, Robert Garrett , Chris Gamble, Chris Pontz , Joe Moloney, Kaye Holman and Tom Coleman

Absent: Mike Nekola and Clay Olmstead, excused

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Carol Ann Foote, and Mayor's Youth Advisory members Dean Feole and Kendra Silsby.

AGENDA APPROVAL:
Chairman Coleman announced that Reith-Riley had withdrawn their request for a special land use. He stated that a letter was received in the Building/Zoning Department late that afternoon from Todd Radashaw, North Shore Villas. This letter will be on file in the Building/Zoning office, if anyone would like to read it. The agenda was approved, with amendments, unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Chairman Coleman pointed out an error in the March minutes. "Commissioner Holman said that she would like new plantings at ~~Cartier~~ Stearns Park." Commissioner Holman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting, with corrections, seconded by Commissioner Moloney. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Comprehensive Plan:

Neighborhoods: Commissioner Moloney reported that his committee was trying to identify homestead properties. They are working on a map that will show these properties and daycare and home occupations. Commissioner Gamble said that they were trying to identify the density for daycare facilities.

Architectural Preservation: Commissioner Schnitker said that they would have something in May. Chairman Coleman stated that he had some information to share.

Access Management: Chairman Coleman reported that he has collected information from the City of Manistee's Access Control Ordinance. There will be a meeting in April on this issue and he will report back in May.

Parks: Commissioner Garrett asked if anything had happened regarding the Parks Committee. Commissioner Holman said that she would talk to the Mayor and let him know the status of the Committee.

Commissioner Moloney said that he was going to West Shore Community College to look a protocol bike rack. He stated that he had met with Chief Barnett to identify locations for the bike racks.

Commissioner Holman stated that she and Chris Pontz, Les Johnson and Nick Tykowski was on the Building and Grounds Committee with Downtown Ludington Board. One thing they have been talking about was Tree City. They are interested in meeting with the Planning Commission Committee. Chairman Coleman said that he did have information from the Arbor Day Society. Commissioner Holman said that the Board was interested in the downtown trees. They have been getting complaints. Now they say the trees are too big. They are looking at maybe putting the same kind of tree all the way down in the downtown are. Chairman Coleman said there was a lot of resources available to be brought in on this. Some things will not work, such as planting the same

species of trees. If you get a disease in one species, then you have lost all the trees that you planted. Commissioner Holman said that the City of Scottville just received a grant to plant trees. Commissioner Pontz talked to some local landscapers about trees.

Kendra Silsby stated that there is normally a beach clean-up in September. Currently there is not a group from the City that participates in that. She said that here group, The Knowledge Seekers, participate in it each year.

Dean Feole said that they do not have a possibility list at this time. The Youth Advisory Committee meets again on Friday, and they will bring it up again to try to get ideas.

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Chairman Coleman asked the Commissioners for their list of possible community projects.

Commissioner Garrett suggested the following:

- Bird Houses
- Fauna Identification: Blocks
- Flora Identification: Signs
- Butterfly Bushes
- Signs on the North and South Breakwalls showing distance from shore to lighthouse.

Chairman Coleman's list is as follows:

- Plant Dune Grass
- Paint Fire Hydrants
- Stain ALL benches and trash containers
- Paint fence and doors on west side of Fire Barn
- Paint warehouse doors on south side
- Clean ANY alley in CBD
- Repaint Copeyon Park structure to match marina color scheme
- Fix and paint traffic posts and bumpers in Copeyon Park
- Plant big tree in ex-gazebo spot on N. James St.
- Prune small trees properly, all over town
- Paint guard posts at flagpole in Stearns Park
- Replace regulatory signs at Stearns Park (the large ones)
- Stabilize the welcome to Ludington sign near hospital

Commissioner Moloney:

- Bike Racks
- Safety vest to citizens- "Be safe, Be seen"

Commissioner Gamble:

- Farmer's Market
- Pedestrian walkway connection to the car ferry
- Tree City
- Color coded signs

Commissioner Gamble asked if Chairman Coleman had talked to the City regarding some of the possibility items that seemed like maintenance items. Chairman Coleman said that he has not met with the City yet, because he has not received everyone's list.

Commissioner Gamble wondered if the Downtown Ludington Board had discussed the first block of N. James St. Commissioner Pontz said that they would temporarily block the street off with shrubs and create a green space from Ludington Ave. to the alley. He said that they are checking into the cost of new benches that would not require a lot of maintenance.

Dean Feole suggested placing a bike rack on the corner of James St. at Fort Daul.

Commissioner Holman stated that she called Ron Wood about removing the Pere Marquette Memorial but has not heard back from him. * NOTE: Relocation to the historic site in Buttersville was suggested.

Dean Feole asked who would be doing these possibilities. He said that he knew people that needed community service, and did not know where to go for it. Chairman Coleman stated that this was exactly what this was for. Commissioner Gamble commented that Gus Macker was looking for volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT:
Commissioner Holman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Moloney. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Foote, Recording Secretary

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Tom Coleman, Chairperson