CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMSION
MINUTES 04/07/09

A meeting of the Ludington Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. 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: Lynn Pontz, Joe Moloney, Tom Coleman, Clay Olmstead, Gary Schnitker, Robert Garrett and Chris Gamble.

Absent: Mike Nekola, excused and Kaye Holman, excused

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Carol Ann Foote and City Manager John Shay.

AGENDA APPROVAL:
Commissioner Moloney made a motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment of Ludington Walkability instead of Downtown Walkability, seconded by Commissioner Gamble. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Olmstead made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Moloney. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Comprehensive Plan:

Vendors:
Chairman Coleman reported that information had been collected around the state regarding vendors. Williams and Works suggested that this be made part of the City Code instead of the Zoning Ordinance. A draft of the proposed Code was distributed. Chairman Coleman read the current Code pointing out the current restricted areas. He then explained the proposed changes including vendor types, licenses and permits, requirements and restrictions and general operation requirements. Chairman Coleman asked for suggestions as the text committee continues to work on the proposal.

East Ludington Avenue Architectural Preservation:
Commissioner Schnitker reported that the Ludington Historic Bed & Breakfast Association is strongly interested in this project. There has been a meeting with the Historic Preservation Association to learn how communities set a plan to do this type of project. Private citizens actually start it. The first step is an inventory of the property in the area. Commissioner Schnitker said that the committee would stay closely connected.

Ludington Walk ability:
Commissioner Moloney reported that he continues to work with Shawn McDonald with the bikes, a City sub-committee regarding a dog park and the school with sidewalks. He said that there was an upcoming walking survey of the City.

Chairman Coleman reminded the Commissioners that this was the year that the Comprehensive Plan needed to be reviewed. The Commissioners discussed each goal in the Plan and gave various suggestions and comments. Chairman Coleman asked that each sub committee to review a section of the Plan and recommend necessary updates and changes.

Wind Energy:
Commissioner Garrett reported to the Commission that he had collected information on different ordinances and data regarding wind energy. He compiled the data into proposed text changes to the Ordinance and City Code. He presented the Commissioners with a folder containing these proposed changes and information on different types of turbines. He discussed some of the information that he had learned. Commissioner Garrett commented that this was just a start. Chairman Coleman asked the Commissioners to review the documentation for further discussions.

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
None

ADJOURNMENT:
A motion was made by Commissioner Moloney, seconded by Commissioner Olmstead to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Foote, Recording Secretary

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Tom Coleman, Chairperson