CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMSION
MINUTES 08/05/09

A meeting of the Ludington Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, August 5, 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: Tom Coleman, Lynn Pontz, Joe Moloney, Gary Schnitker, Robert Garrett, Clay Olmstead, Kaye Holman and Chris Gamble.

Absent: Mike Nekola, excused, Chris Gamble absent

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Trudy Roy

AGENDA APPROVAL:
Commissioner Holman made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commission Olmstead. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Olmstead made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan:
Chairman Coleman gave a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan Workshop that took place on Wednesday, July 8th.

East Ludington Avenue Architectural Preservation:

Commissioner Schnitker reported they are working on filling out the committee to establish a historic district with people knowledgeable in architectural preservation. There will be a presentation to the Long Range Planning Commission on Friday August 7, 2009 at 10:00am at City Hall.

Downtown Walk ability:
Commissioner Moloney reported on, State grant consultant, Dan Burden's, July 8th walk ability study. On south James Street, some businesses needed more visibility into buildings. Trees need taking care of to make the area have a more comfortable feeling. Extending the boulevard from House of Flavors east as possible given vehicular traffic was discussed. These were only a couple of ideas to come out of study. Chairman Coleman cautioned the ideas and talk were a place to start but the tight budget will make money for the bigger ideas hard to come by. Commissioner Moloney also reported the bike racks are in downtown thanks to Greg Moyer's tech prep students and Shawn McDonald. Right now they are blue but will be painted black to go along with the other sidewalk furniture being placed downtown.

Commissioner Moloney reported on the talks with Pere Marquette Township regarding the US 10 east entrance in Pere Marquette Township. He stated that everyone was excited about this and they were looking for safer ways to gain local pedestrian circulation. They are continuing to work on ideas for this area.

Commission Moloney also stated there will be a travel by bike study, on Thursday September 10, 2009, similar to the walk ability study. There will be approximately ten people taking part in this ride around town.

Signs:
No report

Wind Energy:
Chairman Coleman stated this still needs more study and work.

Community Projects:
Chairman Coleman reminded the commissioners, they have the list of Community Projects to pick from if they were interested in promoting one or some.

Commission Holman reported Lowes will be taking on the City Park as a Community Project to upgrade the fountain and do some plantings.

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
None

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
After Adjournment Chairman Coleman remembered Commissioner Schnitker was going to read the remainder of Chapter 7 of the City Charter, which Commissioner Schnitker then read. The Planning Commission was not formally called back to order.

Respectfully submitted,
Trudy Roy, Recording Secretary

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Tom Coleman, Chairperson