CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMSION
MINUTES 07/07/09

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

Absent: Clay Olmstead, excused

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Carol Ann Foote

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schnitker. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Downtown Walkability:
Commissioner Moloney reported that the City received a grant from the State of Michigan to conduct a walkability audit. Only fifteen cities received the grant. The walking audit was done on July 7 with approximately fifteen people taking part in the walk. Dan Burden, representing the State, will give a presentation on July 8 to report his findings and recommendations.

Commissioner Moloney said that he also had communication from Rick Liptack, Michigan Department of Transportation, regarding the joint efforts with Pere Marquette Township regarding the far east entrance of Pere Marquette Township. He stated that there was no pedestrian accessibility. Commissioner Moloney will attend the Pere Marquette Planning Commission meeting tonight to discuss the issue.

Commissioner Moloney was excused from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan:

East Ludington Avenue Architectural Preservation:
No report

Signs:
No report

Wind Energy:
Chairman Coleman asked the Commissioners for open discussion on the proposed Wind Energy language. It was agreed that they would check with other jurisdictions that have ordinances in place for their history and experiences with wind turbines.

Suggested Community Projects:
Chairman Coleman reported that he met with City Manager, John Shay to discuss the various suggestions for Community Projects. He read through the suggestions and gave the Commissioners a list of projects that they might want to work on as follows:

1. Improve Stearns Park entrance: need a plan first
2. Historic heritage trail/artifacts: need a plan first
3. Bird houses for parks and street trees.
4. Adopt a park (or portions): pickup, paint, plant, paths, and plaques
   (PC – Coast Guard Park on Olmstead St.??)
5. Plant more dune grass.
6. Stain all benches and containers not being replaced downtown.
7. Prune small trees in the fall.

Commissioner Nekola suggested that the Commissioners work on educating property owners about the residential enforcement that is in place at the City.

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Chairman Coleman reminded the Commissioners of the Comprehensive Plan Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Foote, Recording Secretary

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Tom Coleman, Chairperson