CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMSION
MINUTES 06/01/10

A meeting of the Ludington Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. 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, Joe Moloney, Chris Gamble, Robert Garrett, Lynn Pontz and Kirk Josvai.

Absent: Mike Nekola, excused and Clay Olmstead, absent.

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

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

Chairman Coleman relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Moloney.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2010, seconded by Commission Holman. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Comprehensive Plan:
Chairman Coleman told the Commissioners that the City Council approved the distribution of the Comprehensive Plan at their May 24, 2010 meeting. Comments on the draft plan are due back on July 12 and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in August. A public hearing to adopt the Plan will be set for September.

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Commissioner Pontz reported on the Downtown Ludington Board meeting that he attended on May 10, 2010. The Board discussed "Movies in the Park" to be held on Thursday nights beginning in August. Signs for directional and informational purposes will be purchased. He stated that the committee to study parking in the downtown area had been formed and a good deal of progress had been made. They had devised a plan using parking stickers for residents in

the downtown area allowing twenty-four hour parking in designated areas. They discussed using alternate sides of parking lots to allow for snow plowing. They are looking at changing parking areas on the east side of N. Rath Ave to two hour parking. There have been concerns voiced by Harrington Tool regarding the parking for their employees. Commissioner Pontz said that he assured the Board that there would be continuing communications between the Board and the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Moloney asked what would happen next with the parking issue. City Manager Shay said that any changes would have to be approved by City Council. Changes to parking times would mean a traffic control order would need to be approved. He stated that the committee was working out the details of parking stickers and moving vehicles. Commissioner Josvai asked if a public hearing would need to be scheduled. Mr. Shay said that the information would be in Council agenda packets which are made available to the public. He stated that it would probably take a couple of months to work out all of the details.

Chairman Coleman reported that the text committee had met and was preparing proposed text changes to allow residential above the first floor in the Central Business District a permitted use instead of a special land use. There are other districts that this would also apply to. The Commissioners agreed that this was a good idea. Chairman Coleman said that a public hearing would be set for July.

Chairman Coleman reported that the committee is also reviewing sign allowance in the CBD. He said that it may be a good idea to allow more signage in the rear portion of the building. Also, they are developing language to clarify the height allowed for a monument sign. Language may be added to allow small nameplate/identification signs to be hung perpendicular to the front or rear of buildings.

Commissioner Coleman read Section 10.0, City Manager, of the Ludington City Charter.

ADJOURNMENT:
Commissioner Holman made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Pontz. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Foote, Recording Secretary

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Chris Gamble, Secretary