CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMSION
MINUTES 02/02/10

A meeting of the Ludington Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 2, 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, Clay Olmstead, Lynn Pontz, Joe Moloney, Kirk Josvai and Chris Gamble.

Absent: Robert Garrett, excused

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Carol Ann Foote

Chairman Coleman relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Moloney for experience purposes.

AGENDA APPROVAL:
Commission Holman made a motion to approve the agenda. Chairman Coleman added the subcommittee appointments to the agenda. Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Commissioner Holman. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
Chairman Coleman appointed the following committees:
Zoning: Commissioners Olmstead, Pontz and Garrett
Special Land Use: Commissioners Nekola, Moloney and Gamble
Text: Commissioner Holman, Coleman and Josvai

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
Chairman Coleman pointed out the latest changes to the draft Comprehensive Plan that were included in the meeting packet. The Commissioner agreed that the changes were good.

Commissioner Moloney told the Commissioners that he met with Commissioners Nekola and Gamble to discuss additions/changes to the Comprehensive Plan. The following changes were discussed and agreed upon by the Commissioners:

NATURAL, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES:
5-10 Year Plan
Communicate with neighboring townships and Mason County by sponsoring joint, collaborative meetings to identify and prioritize natural feature preservation in the region.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT:
5 Year Plan
Research guidelines that result in regulation of development and use of alternative energy systems. Responsibilities: City of Ludington working in conjunction with neighboring townships and Mason County.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS:
5 Year Plan Implement a comprehensive housing quality survey, as possible, to evaluate the impact of the housing code enforcement program. Responsibilities: City of Ludington and Ludington Planning Commission.

Chairman Coleman stated that when the draft changes were made, the Plan would be sent to Williams and Works for their review.

Commissioner Moloney reported that he would meet with the Pere Marquette Township planners, Mason County and MDOT on Wednesday. They would be looking at the U.S. 10 corridor for right-of-ways and walk ability options. The area would cover the west end of the airport into downtown Ludington.

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Chairman Coleman told the Commissioners that in a note form City Manager, John Shay, Mr. Shay corrected the statement he made at the January meeting regarding the Board of Review not getting paid for their service. In fact, the Board of Review is paid $40.00 for half day session and $80.00 for a full day session.

Commissioner Pontz reported on the Downtown Ludington Board meeting that he attended on January 11. He stated that the letter that Commissioner Olmstead sent regarding parking issues downtown was addressed by the Board. The Board is focusing on the different parking time and areas. The Board encourages residential use downtown and is aware that downtown parking is limited.

Commissioner Pontz also told the Commissioners that Mayor Henderson reported on the New Year's Eve ball drop. The event was more successful than they thought it would be and will be planned again for next year.

Commissioner Holman read Sections 8-9 thru 8-17 of the Ludington City Charter.

ADJOURNMENT:
Commissioner Pontz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Holman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Foote, Recording Secretary
Tom Coleman, Chairperson

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