CITY OF LUDINGTON
PLANNING COMMSION
MINUTES 03/02/10

A meeting of the Ludington Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 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, Joe Moloney, Kirk Josvai and Chris Gamble.

Absent: Robert Garrett, excused and Lynn Pontz, excused

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Carol Ann Foote

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Moloney made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010, seconded by Commission Holman. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
To consider a request by Melanie Flood-Varenhorst for a special land use for a home occupation in order to establish a beauty salon at the following address: SIXTH ADDITION LOT 37 BLOCK 7, also known as 1011 N. Rath Ave.

Melanie Flood-Varenhorst, 1011 N. Rath Ave., told the Commissioners that she was applying for a small, privately owned beauty salon. She said that it would be a one-chair salon and it would be state inspected.

Close public hearing

Commissioner Nekola reported that the Special Land Use committee did meet. He told the Commissioners that the concept of the ordinance was to allow small businesses in homes that do not impact the neighborhood. The committee felt that the application did meet the conditions of the special land use.

Commissioner Nekola made a motion to approve the Special Land Use, with the following conditions, seconded by Commissioner Moloney:

1. One client/family at a time
2. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday
3. All signs will meet City Ordinance requirements

Chairman Coleman pointed out that one exterior or interior non illuminated sign, not to exceed 344 square inches per lot, would be allowed. Commissioner Holman stated that signs are not allowed in the right-of-way.

Motion carried unanimously.

The recording secretary reported that forty-five notices were sent with three responses in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
Chairman Coleman pointed out the latest changes to the draft Comprehensive Plan that were included in the meeting packet. The Plan has been sent to Williams and Works for review.

SITE PLAN REVIEW REPORT:
None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Commissioner Moloney reported that he has met with Pere Marquette Township regarding the path from the airport to the City boundary. They have identified an agency to be the figure head for the enhancement grant that has been applied for. They will meet with the agency sometime this month.

Commissioner Moloney stated that he attended a Safe Routes to School training at the high school. He said that three area elementary schools had been approved to receive Safe Routes to School grant money, Foster, Lakeview and P.M. Eight to ten people from each school will do a walk-thru assessment of the area. Most of the issues that will be looked at will not involve any money spent. Children will be taught to walk on certain sidewalks and certain streets during the winter and avoiding congested areas.

Chairman Coleman pointed out suggested ordinance language changes from Williams and Works. There are also suggested changes for the Planning Commission's rules of procedures. Commissioner Nekola asked that they research using Parliamentary Procedure versus Robert's Rules of Order. Chairman Coleman asked the Commissioners to look at the suggestions and get their comments in to Carol by the middle of March.

Carol Foote presented the 2009 Planning and Zoning year end report to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Moloney read Chapter 9, Sections 9.1 through 9.6 of the Ludington City Charter.

ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

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