

City of Negaunee Planning Commission
Minutes - Tuesday, July 21, 2015

1. Call to Order – Vice Chair, David Oglesby called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

2. Roll Call –

Members Present:, Jon Becker, Rich Uren, Karen Hakala, Jeff Gardyko, David Oglesby, 'Janice Chittle'

Members Excused: Larry Peterson, Jeff Gardyko

Members Unexcused or whereabouts unknown:, Jon Becker

Also Present: Bruce Houghton (City Attorney), Ann Milne (CUPPAD) for Master Plan, Scott Ham (Marquette Health Department Educator)

Jeff Thornton (City Manager & Zoning Administrator) was at a seminar

3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve with addition of 6 a) Scott Ham on Complete Streets Grant Program And 6 b) BID Business Improvement District / Zone and 6 c) Supreme Court Ruling on sign regulations, made by Commissioner Uren, 2nd Commissioner Chittle. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Minutes May 19, 2015 Meeting (No quorum June 2015) Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Commissioner Uren, 2nd Commissioner Hakala. Motion carries.

5. Public Comment: Need to get Planning Commission Meeting dates on website calendar, Ham & Chittle

6. New Business

a) Complete Streets Grant Program – Scott Ham: \$3,000 grant available for planning and developing specific project improving walkability and non motorized transportation. Will need a Council Resolution by September 2015 identifying project and recognizing importance of Complete Streets but not necessarily obligating Council to proceed with project. Possible project would be walkway from 98 Croix to Grocery store or sidewalks along US 41. Manager and DPW can follow up with Scott Ham if interested.

b) Business Improvement District/ Zone for MEDC funding for Façade Grants. Concept discussed and further information needed from Jen Tucker as to method to qualify for program.

c) Reed v Town of Gilbert, Supreme Court decision discussed and how problem lies in enforcement. City Attorney advised no immediate amendment needed and developments will be followed.

7. Old Business

a) Master Plan: Ann Milne presented Chapter 5, Housing and discussion ensued. Major suggestion was to substitute “former mining properties” for “caving grounds”. Only 30 completed surveys for Master Plan returned so additional public comment needed. Commission urged to review NegauneeMaster Plan.org. Historic District or Downtown Redevelopment. Additional chapters to follow for August meeting.

8. Public Comment – none.

9. General Discussion

Hakala observed handicap parking marked by pavement painting but not signs and inquired about winter time enforcement.

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Hakala 2nd Commissioner Oglesby. Motion carried at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Houghton