

City of Negaunee Planning Commission
Negaunee Senior Center (410 Jackson Street, Negaunee)
Minutes – Tuesday August 18, 2015

1. Call to Order –Chairman, Larry Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm
2. Roll Call – Members Present: Larry Peterson, Karen Hakala, Rich Uren, Jeff Gardyko and Janice Chittle.

Also Present: Jeff Thornton (City Manager), Bruce Houghton (City Attorney).
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Uren, supported by Gardyko to accept the agenda with the addition of 7(a) Blight District. Motion carries.
4. Approval of the minutes of the July 28th, 2015 meeting.– Motion by Uren, supported by Chittle to approve the minutes. Motion carries.
5. Public Comment – None
6. New Business –
 - a. Review of site plan, 225 N. Pioneer - A representative of the subject property was not present. Planning commission has gone through the steps of rezoning the property and in the site plan review it was brought to attention that the last step or so of the Pioneer Ave step encroached on the public right-of-way. Motion by Oglesby supported by Uren to accept the site plan contingent on an easement with the city for the encroachment. Motion carries.
 - b. Review of site plan, Verizon at water tower - Site plan was presented along with information specific to 1286.05 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. Internal review indicated that the city already has fiber leading to the facility and that the drive is not maintained year round in regards to snow removal. Motion by Gardyko supported by Uren to accept the site plan contingent on an acceptable lease with the city. Motion Carries
7. Old Business – Master Plan was discussed.
 - a. Thornton presented that the MEDC was working with several private property holders in the downtown area and was in the midst of putting together an application for a façade grant. In the pursuit of this grant the city would be required to identify a district with specific geographical boundaries identifying the improvement district can be incorporated into an ordinance. Motion by Uren, supported by Gardyko to utilize the B-1 zoning as the same for the improvement district. Motion Carries.
6. Public Comment – None
7. General Discussion- Parking was discussed in regards to campers, trailers and semi. Members asked that a request be made to them in writing if it is to be looked into. Hakala brought up a lack of handicap parking spaces on Iron Street.
8. Adjournment at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Thornton, Zoning Administrator.