

Plainwell Planning Commission
September 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01

ROLL CALL: Present Slinkman, Steele, Haas, Lubic, Higgs Absent: Sausaman, Weaver

Denise Siegel informed the Commission that Carol Weaver had reassigned do to poor health.

Lubic said with Noreen not returning the commission should address items that had been put on hold awaiting her return. Gun Plain Master Plan, Rental Ordinance, discrepancies & typos in sign ordinance. Lubic requested that someone at city hall review the sign ordinance for additional discrepancies in the sign ordinance in addition to the 20sq. ft./200 sq. ft. issue.

APPROVAL OF 8-3-16 MINUTES: Higgs motioned to approve, with the correction in the roll call portion Lubic should be marked as excused. Slinkman supported. On voice vote motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing-city of Plainwell 2016 Master Plan. Denise Siegel introduced Max Dillivan from LSL who gave an overview of the updates made to the 2009 Master Plan. The various ways the city reached out to the public; survey, open house etc. The inclusion of State updates and to showcase available land in Plainwell and best practices. Review and update every five (5) years of a Master Plan is standard.

Higgs had found additional corrections to the current land use map: 1. property at the corner of Russet & N. Main should be Multi use, 2. Thomas between Sherwood and First St. on the east side should be Multi use. 3. east side of Warrant (Nelson Accounting building) should be commercial.

City Manager Erik Wilson said the city is working to get GIS up & running so the process to create maps can be done in house and will keep maps accurate and current.

Higgs questioned using 'EMPLOYMENT' as a land use term on the future land use map. Discussion showed the term is a carry over from the 2009 Master Plan and is defined to be more inclusive of the variety of potential businesses—office, research, labs, light manufacturing etc.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:29

Higgs moved to recommend adoption of Master Plan 2016 to City Council with the corrections listed above. Slinkman supported. On a voice vote motion passed.

CITY UPDATE: 3 individuals are interested in the old Hardings building, 1 is interested in the property across from Wesco.

COMMISSONER COMMENTS: Lori's stepdaughter ran a marathon in 5 hrs 40 mins, Diana will be attending the Michigan Association Planning Conference on Oct 26-28 in Kalamazoo. Diana took a blue ribbon for her quilt at the Allegan county Fair. Jim mentioned the long list of "can't put outs" on junk day that was sent out. Chris listed upcoming events Path Walk-10/2, Pumpkins in the park, Historic Home Tour, Arts & Eats 10/15, Take & Make signs fund raiser 11/20

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:40

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Haas