

CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

The regular City of Hancock Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Lucchesi at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017 with the following members present: Dave Lucchesi, Tony Wilmers, Deb Mann, Bob Wenc, Lisa McKenzie, Ron Blau and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Stephanie Swartzendruber and Devin Leonarduzzi

Guests: City Attorney Kevin Mackey

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Wilmers to approve the agenda

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The August 28, 2017 minutes were not yet available.

There were no public comments

Updates/Information

- Heard the City Council on Sept. 20th approved the proposed Master Plan so the 63-day public comment period could start. Copies of the proposed plan were mailed out to neighboring local governments on Sept. 25th.
- Reviewed questions raised by Dave Chesney, 310 Center Street, related to the proposed Master plan, and the City's response.
- Heard the City completed the emergency replacement of 290 feet of 24" concrete storm sewer on the Dunstan St. drainage area from M & M Power Sports to the ISD building, at an estimated cost of \$100,000. MDOT will cost share at an estimated 22% per drainage calculations.
- Heard the City DPW is replacing a sewer main, sewer laterals and water laterals on 200 feet of Emma Street North of Minnesota St.
- Noted Doug Wuebben's first Edgewood duplex is now fully rented and the second will be completed by the end of October.
- Heard that Siler Contracting has finished one block water main replacement project on Roberts St. between Calumet St. and Birch St.
- Received an update on the \$8.2 million HCMCF remodeling and addition project being constructed by Miron Construction Company

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- Noted that Lendedu scored the City financial health at 81 out of 250 cities in Michigan that it rated
- Noted the CCCAC's outdoor quilt mural art project placed in several businesses in the downtown area
- Reviewed SkyWest's EAS bid for service at CMX with United Airlines flights to Chicago, the only one to bid again on this route, for a 2-year period 2018 and 2019.
- Noted the City's campground is having a record usage season
- Heard that the Sayen's building MSHDA rental rehab of 6 units at 112 Quincy St. was making good progress
- Reviewed Keweenaw Power and Lights design proposed new building on Campus Dr. in Quincy Township
- Reviewed the final MDOT project punch list for Front and Quincy St. reconstruction project
- Noted Dave Camps purchased the old Eagles Club property on Water Street and Shane Raasio purchased 1108 Park Ave, both County Tax Foreclosed properties
- Heard that the fire damaged 12-unit apt. building on Anthony St. was recently demolished by the property owner, which will allow the City to refund the 25% insurance escrow.

The Commission reviewed the preliminary plan for a new 82' x 120' ten foot wide beach dock. The design plans are 90% completed and the City has submitted the COE & DEQ permits applications. The City hopes to bid out the project in late winter or early spring 2018.

The Commission was asked to submit members top building concerns that are blighted for potential enforcement action by the City in 2018 using the 2015 property maintenance code.

The Commission reviewed and discussed a draft zoning sign ordinance amendment. Bob Wenc asked if community event advertising was allowable such as the Parade of Nations event. Lisa McKenzie asked for an allowable window art painting and displays. Ron Blau asked Attorney Kevin Mackey to go over the proposed changes. Mackey pointed out that if adopted, the enforcement section would convert to a civil infraction process.

The Commission will review a revised draft at it October 23rd meeting.

It was moved by Blau and seconded by Wenc to cancel the regular November and December Commission meetings and hold one special meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., which will include the proposed Master Plan Public Hearing.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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It was moved by Blau and seconded by McKenzie to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary