

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 23, 2017**

The regular City of Hancock Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Deb Mann on Monday, October 23, 2017 with the following members present: Deb Mann, Tony Wilmers, Devin Leonarduzzi, Lisa McKenzie and Glenn Anderson.

Absent: Davie Lucchesi, Bob Wenc, Ron Blau and Stephanie Swartzendruber

Guests: None

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Leonarduzzi to approve the agenda

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Wilmers to approve the August 28, 2017 and September 25, 2017 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Reviewed the adopted 2015 International Property Maintenance Code
- Heard the City was working on the DEQ required water distribution asset management plan which is due by January 1, 2018.
- Noted the City has ordered one new transit bus as a replacement at a cost of \$74,131 which is funded by an 80% federal and 20% state capital grant
- Reviewed the results of the MDOT/MSU Transit customer satisfaction survey conducted on site in June. Customer satisfaction was very high.
- Reviewed revised drainage calculations for the % of storm water contributed by MDOT and the City for the Dunstan Street storm drainage area.
- Heard the City released the escrow funds of \$231,266 for demolition of the 1510 Anthony St. apartment fire now that the site has been cleaned up.
- Received a letter dated September 27, 2017 notifying the City that the City of Houghton is undertaking a 5-year update to the Master Plan.
- Reviewed the 2017 campground usage report and noted a record tourism season.
- Heard the DPW completed the sewer main, sewer lateral, and water lateral replacement project on 200 feet of Emma Street North of Minnesota St.

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- Heard that Richard Owen is planning to sell 40 acres he owns located in the Quincy Township just West of the old Apostolic church.
- Reviewed the proposed public skating agreement between the City and the Portage Lake Multi- Educational Services, Inc. as part of the City's contribution of \$60,000 to be paid over 5 years for the \$500,000, new ice plant project at the Houghton County Arena.
- Heard the DEQ did a public notice posting for the new beach dock project wetland permit
- Discussed the high water levels of Lake Superior, just 2 inches short of the all-time high record.
- Discussed area new housing development projects

The Commission noted the upcoming public hearing on the proposed new City Master Plan scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Commission received a report on the November 1st East Hancock Neighborhood meeting where residents discussed concern about rental conversions, form based code zoning, missing middle housing, Airbnb legislation and the overall master plan process.

The Commission reviewed proposed HB#4503 which if enacted would preempt all local zoning on short term rentals in Michigan, and heard the City Council strongly opposed this legislation on August 16, 2017.

The Commission was updated on Michigan Tech University portrait 2045 indicating a student enrollment goal of 10,000 students. Student housing and rental parking will be needed to meet the demand if MTU accomplishes this growth.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary