

CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
JULY 24, 2017

The regular City of Hancock Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Lucchesi at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017 with the following members present: Ron Blau, Deb Mann, Dave Lucchesi, Devin Leonarduzzi, Lisa McKenzie, Bob Wenc, Tony Wilmers, Glenn Anderson and Stephanie Swartzendruber

Absent: None

Guests: Torrence Jackson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Leonarduzzi to approve the June 26, 2017 minutes with one change, to correct the spelling of Wuebben.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Chairperson Lucchesi welcomed new commission member Stephanie Swartzendruber

Updates/Information

-Heard the owner of the fire damaged apartment building at 1510 Anthony St. plans on building a new building and demolishing the fire damaged building.

-Heard Mark Elmer has purchased 730 Elm St. house and was repairing the flooded out North basement wall

-Noted the Governor approved the DNR grant request so the City did receive the \$294,000 Hancock Waterfront Recreational Pier grant, TF16-0013 to be matched with \$104,00 city funds and \$2,000 from Hancock Rotary

-Heard that Lake State Roofing had completed the roof replacement at the Fire Hall in early July at a cost of \$36,500.

-Heard that the MDOT Front St. reconstruction project should be completed by July 29<sup>th</sup>.

-Heard that Pipetek has completed its sewer cleaning and televising contract in mid-July, and now OHM Advisors will start examining the video for sewer inflow or infiltration.

-Heard Payne & Dolan Contracting has completed repaving White St. in early July.

-Noted that the Wuebben Edgewood duplexes being constructed on Portage Dr. was well underway.

- Heard the City Council has added one block of water main replacement on Roberts St. between Calumet and Birch St.
- Received an update on the new house being constructed at 2150 Jasberg St. (M-203).
- Heard that the MEDC/MSHDA had agreed to allow the City to transfer a rental rehab grant from the Wisti building to the Sayen building, 112 Quincy St.
- Noted that a one mill vote for Career Technical Education will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Heard an update on Hancock's Lift Bridge Peregrine falcons and noted two of the three falcon chicks have survived this summer.
- Reviewed the proposed Federal FY 18 budget and noted the negative impact on the proposed \$54 billion cut to rural America, including eliminating the \$500 million Rural Development water and sewer financing program.
- Heard the DEQ is requiring municipalities to develop a water system asset management plan by December 31, 2017
- Noted the DEQ again gave the City a satisfactory rating on its water distribution system
- Noted the City Council has approved Keweenaw Power & Light Company to hook up to the City water and sewer system on a Quincy Twp. lot located on Campus Drive at the owner's expense. It was noted Township residents pay 50% more for w & s services
- Heard Bleachers Bar has been sold to Snowed Inn, LLC, Ronda James of Laurium is the new owner
- Heard the City was working on a possible 31-unit apt. project 417 Quincy St. on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor

The Commission reviewed the year one recommendations, approved by the City Council for parks and recreation capital expenditure funding for the new 5-year recreation millage (.8 mill) implemented in the July 2017 tax bills, which will generate an estimated \$86,000 the first year along with the normal general fund capital outlay budget for parks of \$24,000 for an estimated total annual funds available of \$110,000

1. Houghton County Arena Ice Plant (1 <sup>st</sup> of 5-year commitment)	\$12,000
2. Third Street Park New Playground equipment	\$30,000
3. Terrace Park New Playground Equipment	\$30,000
4. Maasto Hiihto Ski Trail ATV Replacement (cost share with KNSC)	\$9,000
5. Bicycle and Ski Trail signage	\$4,000
6. New Beach Dock (2-year commitment to provide partial local match to obtain \$294,000 DNR grant)	<u>\$30,000</u>
Total	\$115,000

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It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by Wenc to recommend the final draft Master Plan to the City Council for approval.

AYES: Blau, Mann, Lucchesi, Leonarduzzi, Anderson, McKenzie, Wilmers and Wenc

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Swartzendruber

Motion Carried

Chairperson Lucchesi appointed McKenzie, Mann and Swartzendruber to an ad-hoc rental code committee

Lisa McKenzie asked the Commission to provide her with new ideas and options for White St. for discussion purposes.

Mann and Leonarduzzi are working on a downtown business map.

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