

**MINUTES REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MACKINAW CITY**

7:28 P.M.

April 23, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Planning Commission Chair Rosada Mann was present and called the meeting to order.

II ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ronald Dye, Earl Taylor, Matt Cooley, Merlyne Vartanian, Mary Clark, and Paul Allers.

Also present-Interim Zoning Director Fred Thompson, Jr.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Taylor support Dye to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 26, 2015 as presented . Voice Vote, motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Wallin-Village Resident

Julius O”Brien-Village Resident

Nancy Dean-Village Resident

Joanne Leal-Village Resident

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rezoning of Parcel # 012-V07-002-031-01 from R-1 to B2. Request submitted by the Estate of Rosalie O’Brien.

Motion Mann support Clark to recommend denial of rezone request #2015-ZP004 by the Estate of Rosalie O’Brien for parcel # 012-V07-002-031-01, 503 E. Etherington St., from R1 to B2.

Yeas-Allers, Vartanian, Clark, Mann, Cooley, Dye, Taylor. Motion carried

Finding of Facts per Chair Mann:

1. The property is within the Residential Protection Zone for the Village of Mackinaw City.

2. Rezone request is inconsistent with Mackinaw City’s Master Plan

3. Rezone request is inconsistent with the Future Land Use Map of Mackinaw City

2. Request for the Village to abandon the easterly most section of E. Etherington St. right of way from the easterly right of way of North Huron Ave. east to the ordinary high water mark of 1985 (IGLD), 582.5”, which is the Village limits. Request submitted by the Estate of Rosalie O’Brien.

Motion Mann support Clark to recommend denial of the request by the Estate of Rosalie O’Brien to abandon the easterly most section of E. Etherington Street right of way from the easterly right of way of North Huron Ave. east to the ordinary high water mark of 1985 (IGLD), 582.5”, which is Village Limits.

Yeas- Clark, Mann, Cooley, Dye, Taylor, Vartanian, Allers. Motion carried.

**MINUTES SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MACKINAW CITY**

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Finding of Fact per Chair Mann:

The road provides the only access, this side of the bridge, where a person with mobility issues can drive directly to the water and enjoy the incredible unobstructed view of the Straits of Mackinac. In all other areas, that allow the public access to the water, a person must park their vehicle and walk varying distances to achieve this view.

That portion of East Etherington Street provides the dividing line between the commercial B2 Zoning District, and the residential protected R1 Zone according to Mackinaw City's Master Plan.

This road end is part of the original plat map of Mackinaw City, and as such there is, and has been, an expectation from Mackinaw City residents and the visiting public that this road end would never be open for development.

It is the Planning Commission's position that the road abandonment is not in the best interest of the residents of Mackinaw City or the visiting public.

Our Master Plan states in part, " Lake Michigan and Huron offer outstanding scenic and recreational amenities to the village residents and visitors. It is extremely important that the quality of these surface waters be protected from the negative impacts of development, such as pollution and loss of scenic views to open water."

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

**IX. COMMISSIONER CALENDAR
May 28, 2015**

X. ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Rosada Mann; Chairperson

Matt Cooley; Secretary