

**Village of Mackinaw City  
Special Meeting  
Planning Commission  
June 10, 2010  
Approved Minutes**

Members: Rob Most (Chairman), John Riemer, Bo Whipkey, Florence Tracy, Mary Clark, Paul Allers, and Nancy Dean

Staff: Jeff Lawson (Village Manager)

Guests: Sandy Planisek, Dick Moehl, Karen Gould

<b>SPECIAL MEETING</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order and Welcome</b>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Roll Call</b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Most. Roll call members present: R. Most, J. Riemer, B. Whipkey, F. Tracy, M. Clark, P. Allers, and N. Dean Members Absent: None</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Pledge to Flag</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Motion Allers seconded Dean to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2010, as presented. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p>Dick Moehl provided an update on placing buoys at the Mackinaw Maritime Park.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>There was no new business presented.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>7 a</b>	<p><b>Master Plan – Review of Goals and Objectives</b></p> <p>Staff provided an overview of the process for updating the Village’s Master Plan which is scheduled for a Public Input Session on June 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mackinaw City Public School, Multipurpose room.</p> <p><u>Community Character/Sense of Place:</u> Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and the following revisions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beautiful waterfront views of the Mackinac Bridge, Straits of Mackinac, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Mackinac Island, Round Island, <u>Bois Blanc Island</u>, and Upper Peninsula shore line.</li> <li>• Vibrant Business Districts with over 120 unique shops, <u>restaurants, eating establishments</u>, 2000 hotel rooms, 50 Waterfront Condo units, over 300 campsites and 2 distinctive B&amp;Bs</li> <li>• <u>Marinas Community and State Marinas</u></li> <li>• Pristine <u>natural</u> environment</li> <li>• <u>Cleanliness</u> (Commissioners requested that the separate bulleted item for “Cleanliness” be moved directly under the Pristine natural environment bullet point)</li> </ul>

- Hiking, ~~and~~ biking
- ~~and~~ Water access

Commissioners requested that the following items be added to the character and sense of place:

- High quality of life
- Year round activities
- Native American culture
- Locally owned and operated businesses
- Complete business service
- Dark Skies

Commissioners discussed the use and definition of the word “diversity”. In the last sentence of the last paragraph, Commissioners agreed to change the word ~~“build”~~ diversity to “encourage” diversity.

Goals and Objectives – Village Character: Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and the following revisions were made:

Goal 1, Objectives:

- Develop a comprehensive “way finding” signage program to direct motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and snowmobilers to major areas of interest within the village

Goal 2, Objectives:

- Promote opportunities for volunteerism within the ~~residents and business~~ community.

Commissioners requested that staff provide an additional statement on public community spirit and cooperation under Goal 2, Objectives.

Goals and Objectives – Natural Resources: Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and the following revisions were made:

Goal 3: Preserve open spaces, view shed, natural beauty and critical environmental areas

Goal 3, Objectives:

- Identify sensitive environmental areas and view sheds and target them for public purchase or establishment of private conservation easements

Goals and Objectives – Residential Goals and Objectives: Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and the following revision was made:

Goal 2, Objectives to add:

- Explore development of rental inspection program

Goals and Objectives – Transportation: Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and the following revision was made:

Goal 2, Objectives to add:

- Explore ordinances and plans for expansion of sidewalks throughout the community

Goals and Objectives – Governmental and Public/Private Collaboration: Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and no additional revisions were made.

	<p><u>Goals and Objectives – Public Utilities and Services:</u> Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and no additional revisions were made.</p> <p><u>Goals and Objectives – Recreation:</u> Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and the following revision was made: To change the section for Goals and Objectives for the the Dark Sky Initiatives to <u>Goal 5: Dark Sky Initiatives</u>, add <u>Objectives</u> under the Goal 5 Title, and fix reference to Dark Sky Park.</p> <p><u>Goals and Objectives – Commercial Development and Industrial/Business Park Development:</u> Commissioners reviewed the proposed language and no additional revisions were made.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Commissioner Comments</b></p> <p>Most expressed his thanks for the Trail Committee’s continued work on the proposed Trail. Whipkey provided a review of the June 2, 2010 Committee Report. Moehl requested that the public receive information on the trail and sharrow markings.</p> <p>Staff reported on the Council’s action on the Jaggi variance and site plan and the Shepler unpaved seasonal parking area.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Commissioner Calendar</b></p> <p>June 24, 2010 – Public Hearing on the Master Plan Goals and Objectives at the Mackinaw City Public School at 7:00 p.m. July 8, 2010 – Special Meeting July 22, 2010 – Regular Meeting</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Motion Allers seconded Tracy to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.</b></p>

Planning Commission Minutes respectfully submitted:

Rob Most, Chairman

Mary Clark, Secretary