

**Village of Mackinaw City
Regular Meeting
Planning Commission
August 25, 2011
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: Matt Mikus, Lynn S. Botbyl, Dick Moehl

REGULAR MEETING	
1	Call to Order and Welcome
2	<p>Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Most. Roll call members present: R. Most, J. Riemer, B. Whipkey, F. Tracy, N. Dean, and P. Allers Members Absent: M. Clark</p>
3	Pledge to Flag
4	<p>Approval of Minutes Motion Dean seconded Tracy to accept the Planning Commission minutes for the meeting held on June 23, 2011 with corrections. Voice vote – all ayes. Absent – Clark. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion Allers seconded Whipkey to accept the Council of the Whole/Planning Commission Work Session minutes for the meeting held on August 11, 2011 with corrections. Voice vote – all ayes. Absent – Clark. Motion carried.</p>
5	<p>Public Comment Dick Moehl received communications from Governor Snyder concerning Boy Scout Troop 4 from Ann Arbor. Boy Scout Troop 4 has completed 26 Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects at St. Helena, 3 Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects on the Ice Breaker Mackinaw, and is currently working on a special project at McGulpin Point Lighthouse. The Governor has invited Boy Scout Troop 4 to walk with him during the Labor Day Bridge Walk. On another topic, Moehl urged the Village to not delay in passing the Ferry Ordinance that was presented.</p>
6	<p>New Business No new business was presented.</p>
7	Old Business
7a	<p>Master Plan Staff provided a brief overview of the most recent copy of the Master Plan. Most called for a motion to approve and adopt the Master Plan.</p> <p>Motion Allers seconded Dean to approve and adopt the Village of Mackinaw City Master Plan (August 9, 2011 draft) as presented. Voice vote – all ayes. Absent – Clark. Motion carried.</p> <p>Cheboygan County will be holding a master plan visioning session on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Inland Lakes Middle School and on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Cheboygan Middle School.</p> <p>Staff notified Commissioners that the Citizen Planner Northeast Lower Michigan has invited stakeholders in the area to participate in an internet based Citizen Planner Program, sponsored by</p>

	<p>Citizen Planner Northeast Lower Michigan, MSU Extension, NEMCOG, and Cheboygan County Community Development Department in September and October 2011.</p>
7b	<p>Discussion – Medical Marihuana Regulations</p> <p>Commissioners continued discussions concerning the current rulings concerning Medical Marihuana Regulations. The following topics were reviewed and/or discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Recent Attorney General ruling -Appeal -Apothecaries -Home Business -Inspections -Sale from patient to patient -Attorney General Ruling -U.S. Federal Government’s Position -Jurisdiction to Regulation Activity -Product Safety Concerns -Operations in residential areas – Home occupations -Land use regulations -Referendum clarification <p>Commissioners requested additional legal guidance regarding appeals, interpretation and to verify whether or not the regulations will be continually modified.</p> <p>Whipkey was excused at 8:04 pm.</p>
	<p>Most called for recess at 8:04 p.m. Meeting called to order at 8:10 p.m.</p>
7c	<p>Discussion – Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance (SOB)</p> <p>Staff provided an overview of recent discussions concerning the SOB ordinance. The draft ordinance presented is in a standalone format. Commissioners were informed that the format cannot be modified until the location of the district is decided. The most recent draft provided (as of 4/26/11) is in a standalone format. However, Tom Evashevski recently recommended that the regulations not be in a standalone format but to integrate the regulations throughout the Zoning Ordinance. Staff explained that a general ordinance cannot regulate where a district is located.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion concerning the district location of SOBs, landscape buffers, setbacks for residential and commercial districts, aesthetics, etc.</p> <p>Staff will develop ordinance language within the industrial district.</p>
8	<p>Commissioner Comments</p> <p>Items discussed Cheboygan County Master Plan, Hike and Bike Plan, Trailhead restrooms, etc.</p> <p>Staff provided an update on the restrooms to be constructed at Conkling Park. The Village received the State contract and the next step is to submit drawings and specifications with construction commencing sometime next Spring. The State will review the specifications and most likely begin the bidding process this winter. Staff will provide the plans for review. Three unisex restrooms will be constructed based on universal design standards.</p>

	The final draft of the Master Plan will be on the Village's website under the Documents tab.
9	Commissioner Calendar September 22, 2011 – Regular Meeting
10	Adjournment Motion Allers seconded Dean to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Absent – Clark and Whipkey. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Minutes respectfully submitted:

Rob Most, Chairman

Mary Clark, Secretary