



City of Petoskey

PLANNING COMMISSION

July 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey Planning Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Thursday, July 16, 2015. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Gary Greenwell, Chairperson
Dana Andrews
Dean D. Burns
Emily Meyerson
Rick Neumann
Cynthia Linn Robson
Eric Yetter

Absent: James Holmes
Elizabeth Looze

Staff: Amy Tweeten, City Planner

Upon motion and support, the minutes of the June 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes were approved with Burns abstaining.

Public Hearing and Action on Amendments to Section 7.1 of the Sign Ordinance

Staff summarized the two proposed changes to projecting nameplates and home business signs. As there was no public present, the hearing was closed. A motion was then made by Commissioner Burns with support by Commissioner Andrews to recommend the changes to City Council. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion of Multiple Family Districts Language

Staff clarified that the language she had been concerned with was under non-conforming uses, not non-conforming structures. Therefore, a multiple-family structure can continue even if it does not comply with the standards of the multiple family district in which it is in and would not lose its non-conforming status simply by becoming vacant. In reviewing other language in the multiple family districts, the consensus was that a new medical district should be created for hospital campuses and hospital-related medical uses. Staff had started language previously and will bring a draft forward. There may be other amendments to the multiple family districts as well and staff will compile different issues that may need addressing.

Staff expected that the Commission would receive the updated capital improvements plan at their August Meeting. Commissioners were asked about the economic development presentation by Dan Leonard, and they felt it was very informational and that the City should be more proactive on the 200 East Lake Street property. Suggestions were made that the City purchase the block with a MEDC loan and sell off pieces for development, and that an exploratory committee be formed to come up with alternatives to get the project going.

The Commission then reviewed and made comments on the streetscape designs developed for Emmet Street, noting the need for wider sidewalks at the four corners, parking, and extending the greenway beyond Emmet Street to Buckley Avenue as a better route for bicyclists.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Minutes reviewed and approved by Emily Meyerson, Secretary