

**PLANNING COMMISSION
121 N. CHURCH STREET – HUDSON MI
REGULAR MEETING
November 23, 2015**

The regular meeting was called to order to by Chairperson Sue Minton at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Sue Minton, Watson Clark, Brad VandeZande, Jeanne Karr and Rob Hall

ABSENT: Jack Donaldson, Donna Klinger, Beth Johnston and Pastor Troy Neujahr

OTHERS: City Manager Steven Hartsel

***** Beth Johnston arrived at 6:33 p.m. *****

Excuse Absent Member(s):

Motion by Watson Clark, seconded by Rob Hall, to **excuse absent members from the meeting**, DENIED by roll call. (Sue Minton, Beth Johnston, Jeanne Karr, and Brad VandeZande = No) Watson Clark and Rob Hall = yes

Minutes:

Motion by Brad VandeZande, seconded by Beth Johnston, to **approve the minutes of August 24, 2015, and place on file**, CARRIED by voice call

NEW BUSINESS:

***** Pastor Troy Neujahr arrived at 6:35 p.m. *****

City owned property

City Manager Steve Hartsel verified that Brad VandeZande had been given a list of all City-owned property, and explained to the Planning Commission members that most of the parcels on the list were occupied by City facilities. He stated that he would develop a list of the parcels which were not being used and were too small to build a house. Brad VandeZande said maybe those lots could be given to adjacent property owners and therefore be put back onto the tax roll. **(Discussion Only)**

Site plan for Paschal Burial Vault

The Engineer's Site plan for the Paschal Burial Vault new construction at "Lot 15" at the Industrial Park was exhibited to the Commission members and verified to be in accordance with the zoning laws of the City.

Motion by Rob Hall, seconded by Brad VandeZande, to **approve the Site Plan for the Paschal Burial Vault new construction at the Industrial Park**, CARRIED by voice call.

South Trail Name

City Manager Steve Hartsel informed the Commission members that a request had been received from Pat Rowley to name the next trail segment in honor of William G. Thompson. There was discussion about Mr. Thompson's many philanthropic contributions to the City.

Motion by Watson Clark, seconded by Rob Hall, to **recommend naming the next trail segment in honor of William G. Thompson**, CARRIED by voice call.

VISITORS BEFORE COMMISSION:

There were no visitors before Commission.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Sewer Repairs near the DPW Yard are continuing, and will hopefully be completed by early December.
- Alpine Manufacturing received their Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.
- The Rental rehabilitation Program is nearly complete, with 7 units to be placed into use downtown. Mr. Jodis had to withdraw from the program due to the higher than expected cost of each of the apartments he had planned.
- The City was approved for \$600,000 in Stormwater Asset Management (SAW) Grant funding, which is expected to begin at the beginning of next year.
- The City received a letter from MDOT today declaring their intent to remove the stretch of US-127 from the State line to US-12 from the National Highway System, and to redesignate it from “Major Arterial” to “Minor Arterial.” I do not concur with these actions, and I intend to seek Council approval to oppose them.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk