

PLANNING COMMISSION
121 N. CHURCH STREET – HUDSON MI
REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2013
6:30 P.M.

The public hearing was called to order to by Chairman Sue Minton at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Sue Minton, Dr. Jim Spencer, Rob Hall, Donna Klinger, Jerry Tanner Nathan Van Wieren and Brad Vande Zande

ABSENT: Rex Murphy

OTHERS: City Manager Steve Hartsel, and City Clerk Judy Tanner

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Member(s):

Motion by Jerry Tanner, seconded by Nathan Van Wieren to **excuse the absent members from the meeting, CARRIED 7-0** by voice vote.

Setting the Agenda:

No Changes

Minutes:

Motion by Nathan Van Wieren, seconded by Jim Spencer to **approve the minutes of March 25, 2013, and place on file, CARRIED 7-0** by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Eastern CMAQ Trail:

The Recreation Master Plan cites as a priority the creation of trails, including creating an eventual link to the Lake Hudson Recreation Area.

The remaining Trail to connect back to the origin at the beginning of the Findlay Trail is about 3900 feet long and begins at the eastern end of the Sunrise Meadows Trail and crosses much of the property owned by the Engle family. I recommend supporting the naming of this Trail the Engle Trail, after Ed Engle, Sr.

The City either already owns or has been promised property conveyance or permanent easements on all required land for the trail.

Motion by Rob Hall, seconded by Donna Klinger to **approve the creation of a non-motorized pathway from the Sunrise Meadows Trail to S. Munson Hwy., to be named the Engle Trail, after Ed Engle, Sr., CARRIED 7-0** by roll call vote.

VISITORS BEFORE COMMISSION:

There were no visitors before Commission.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The water tower has been repaired following excavation to investigate the leak underneath the tower. An elbow joint was found to not have been tightened properly. The joint has now been tightened, tested satisfactorily, and the surrounding areas restored to their previous condition. We are awaiting a written report from Jones & Henry Engineers, which we will use to prepare an invoice to be submitted to the tower builder, Caldwell tanks.
- Steger Industrial Drive Phase 5 continues to progress on schedule. Curb and gutters were installed on the last segment of Steger Industrial Drive, and they are now back filling the surrounding soil with a lot of progress on the outer loop in particular. The contractor is now laying the final roadbed for the Lenawee County Road Commission to come in and begin paving.
- The LDFCA has voted on a range of options to complete the development of the Industrial Park this year.
- The infrastructure of the Pleasant Street work is almost complete, with work now to be continuous until completion by the middle of July. Curbs and gutters are done, and driveways and sidewalks are virtually complete, followed by initial paving as early as next week.
- The dedication ceremony for the Murdock Trail was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 21st at the Jackson Street trail entrance.
- There will be a preconstruction meeting for the Sunrise Meadows Trail on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. As soon as MDOT signs the contract they will begin the project with completion to be done by Labor Day.
- The Electrical Substation and site restoration is now complete.
- I have received the drawings from the architect for the old Bank of Lenawee building today, and the Façade Project is underway.
- Rental Rehab- the City is in initial discussions with Eriksen Development about having them manage a Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Project to renovate upstairs residences with grant assistance from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). There was an informational meeting for all interested property owners on this program at the City Office at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19th for possibly 26-30 rental units in the downtown.
- There are some unfinished DDA paint projects that will be completed this summer as well as a couple of new projects.
- We received a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality approving an additional \$75,000 in grant funding for the current S2 stormwater infiltration and inflow study has been approved. This will include an additional quarter of flow monitoring studies to see how the water is getting into the sewer system.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jerry Tanner, seconded by Jim Spencer to **adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.** There were no objections.

ATTEST: _____
Judith A. Tanner