

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

Chairman Straus called a regular meeting of the Mackinac Island Planning Commission to order at 3:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Straus, Anneke Myers, Trish Martin, Jim Pettit, Lee Finkel
ABSENT: Ben Mosley, Mary Dufina
STAFF: Zoning Administrator, Dennis Dombroski, Attorney, Tom Evashevski

Motion by Martin, second to the motion by Pettit to approve the minutes, as written, of the regular meeting on February 13, 2018. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Finkel, second to the motion by Myers to approve the Agenda, as amended, and place on file. All in favor. Motion carries. Amendment was to add "Regional Planning Meeting" under *Correspondence*.

Correspondence

Regional Planning Meeting

Straus was contacted by Betsy Dayrell-Hart of the St Ignace Planning Commission, wanting to hold a Regional Planning meeting to include Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island to discuss transportation issues and tourism. Straus and Dufina attempted to attend the February meeting but weather issues prevented their attendance. Straus has a copy of the minutes. Straus asked the Commission if anyone was interested in involvement with the meetings. Myers asked for the topics that were discussed. Straus read aloud the issues discussed that were mainly promotional issues for tourism. Myers stated that the Mackinac Island Planning Commission is more land use oriented. Evashevski stated it sounded more like Chamber of Commerce issues. The Commission all agreed that while it does sound interesting the Mackinac Island Planning Commission is more land use and has not branched out to the type of issues they are discussing. Dufina, who was not in attendance at this meeting, may be interested in attending. Straus is to revisit the issue with Dufina when she returns to the island.

Staff Report

None

Committee Reports

None

OLD BUSINESS

C16-063/64/65-035(H)

Shepler's Dock Amendment

New plans were submitted taking into account some of the suggestions from the Planning Commission in February. The ticket office is half the size of the originally submitted plan. The Commission requested confirmation of the size of the existing block wall; 16' 8" or just 16'. Dombroski is to confirm the length with the applicant. Straus stated he likes the spacing better but questions the flower boxes under an awning, a roof under a ceiling, and the overhang at the door, which is likely to get hit by their equipment. Pettit asked if Shepler's will still be handling freight off of the dock. Dombroski confirmed that yes they are. Straus would like to see a top down drawing with dimensions. The Commission agreed this ticket booth should not be built until the rest of the dock expansion is complete. Motion by Myers, second by Finkel to table the application pending Historic District Commission approval. Dombroski is to confirm that the work will not be completed until the fall. All in favor. Motion carries. The Commission requested that their comments be submitted to the HDC.

New Business

CD18-016/17/006(H)

Musser – Caskey Cottage Fence & Landscape

This application is for work that was completed without a Zoning Permit. Straus asked if the City needed to worry about liability. Dombroski stated no. The new fence is similar to the fence that was there, made out of cedar from the property. The fence meets all setbacks and the gates open in. After some discussion it was decided that the applicant may amend their application to include the Hedgecliff parcel. Motion by Martin, second by Finkel to approve the application contingent on receipt of an amended application to include the Hedgecliff parcel, due to the fact that the properties are contiguous. Roll call vote: Ayes: Straus, Finkel, Martin, Myers, Pettit. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

Master Plan Discussion

The scheduled Special Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Master Plan draft was canceled due to the fact that Adam Young could not attend because of weather conditions. Motion by Myers, second by Finkel to reschedule the special meeting to May 8, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience member, Sue Sisson, asked if there is a penalty for completing work before getting approval. Straus informed Sisson there is a monetary penalty.

With no further business there was a Motion by Martin, second by Myers to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.



Michael Straus, Chairman



Katie Pereny, Secretary