

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2011**

The regular meeting of the City of Hancock Planning Commission on Monday, January 24, 2011 was called to order by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bill Baxandall, Dan Lorenzetti, Bill Laitila, Dave Lucchesi, Glenn Anderson, Terry Monson and Lisa McKenzie.

Absent: Bob Wenc and Tony Wilmers

It was moved by Baxandall and seconded by Laitila to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by Monson to approve the December 6, 2010 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There were no public comments.

Chairperson Lorenzetti noted that 2 current members, Bill Baxandall and Bob Wenc, were both reappointed by Mayor Laitila to the commission for 3 year terms.

Updates/Information

- noted the revised 2009/10 MSHDA Housing Rehab projects with addresses added, 6 rental buildings and 6 single family homes have been upgraded by the grant funds.
- reviewed the schedule of events for the 2011 Heikinpaiva celebration.
- reviewed the final bid submittal to host the 2013 Finn Fest USA, looked at the proposed organizational chart, and the proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Finn Fest 2013 committee.
- heard the city was awarded a \$125,000 Small Urban Grant for FY 2013 to be used to reconstruct Campus Drive West of Poplar Street
- reviewed the DNRE permit approval of a permit to allow Douglas Camps to construct a 6' x 40' I-Beam dock on Portage Lake on a lot he owns along Sunset Drive.
- Learned that the DNR has approved the city's new 5 year recreation plan.
- reviewed US41/M26 corridor committee meeting notes dated December 9, 2010.
- noted the MDOT/city plan to begin enforcing no left turn from the Northwest bound lane of US41 onto Reservation Street/Holiday Gas Station.
- heard that the city has scheduled a pre construction meeting for Feb.8th on the sewer rehab project, with construction to start by MJO Contracting in late April or early May.

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- heard that the city had submitted all necessary paperwork to RD for the water project and is awaiting RD review and approval of the paperwork.
- heard that Quincy Haven apartment construction is slightly ahead of schedule, with 55 to 60% of the project complete.
- heard that the Hancock Public Schools has hired OHM to review traffic flow at the High/Middle School with one option to propose construction of a 2nd driveway to the East of the current driveway on Campus Drive.
- Heard that the Hancock Public Schools were planning to continue fund raising efforts to complete the football field at the H.S. complex, the site needs bleachers and locker rooms.
- heard the DNRE had granted a permit for the rebuild of 3 storm sewer outlets on Portage Lake, all located along Navy Street.
- noted the weather channel had identified the city as the 3rd snowiest city in America, with a 30-year snow average of 218 inches.
- heard that Ray Sharp WUPHD, will attend the February 28th meeting to present information on complete streets.
- heard that FU is planning to proceed with a cafeteria addition onto the 1st floor of Finlandia Hall this year.

The commission reviewed MDOT's 2011 construction plans from the TSC, including projects in Houghton County. A \$769,000 project will mill and repave portions of N. Lincoln Dr., S. Lincoln Dr., Hancock, Front and Reservation streets in the city. In addition, MDOT had bid out the reconstruct of M-26 through Dollar Bay, including new curb and storm sewers, at an estimated cost of \$2,025,000.00

Heard that in late December, Mark Johnson purchased the Gartner's Clothing building, located at 102 Quincy St. and renamed it the Gartner's Center. He hopes to lease out the 1st floor for retail, with offices or housing in the upper floors.

The commission was briefed on the city council action in January to approve the annexation of the 140 acre Tourangueau parcel into the city. The parcel is located at the NW Quarter of Section 23, T55N, R34W, except the South half of the SW Quarter of the NW Quarter.

The Commission heard that the Canal Crossings condo project currently had 10 units leased, and that the project was current in its property taxes.

The commission heard that Mike Oja has purchased waterfront land just East of Dale Kero's house on Navy Street to construct a seasonal home and dock. He plans to excavate a part of the hillside to accommodate his plans.

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It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by Baxandall to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson

Secretary