

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hancock City Planning Commission held on Monday, February 25, 2013 was called to order by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Dan Lorenzetti, Bob Wenc, Bill Baxandall, Bill Laitila, Lisa McKenzie, Deborah Mann, Tony Wilmers and Glenn Anderson.

Absent: Dave Lucchesi

Guests: None

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Baxandall to approve the January 28, 2013 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Noted that Charter Cable will be raising prices effective February
- Reviewed Attorney General Bill Schuette's memo on the recent State Supreme Court decision on medical marijuana which prohibits marijuana dispensaries. Over 356,000 Michigan residents have applied for a medical marijuana card. Currently, over 124,000 have eligible cards, with 26,000 caregivers.
- Heard that Jackson National Life Insurance Company from Lansing opened an office in the Lake Shore building becoming a new SmartZone tenant.
- Heard the Hancock Fire Dept. is hosting the Copper Country Fireman's Tournament on Saturday, June 29th.
- Reviewed the January 24th meeting notes of the Hancock & Houghton joint bike and pedestrian committee, and noted that the committee will meet with MDOT engineering staff member Rob Tervo on March 21st to discuss the design of the M-26/US41 area as part of the 2014 reconstruct of the Ripley section
- Reviewed Gov. Snyder's proposed FY13/14 state budget, including higher education funding. MTU is slated to get a 2.8% funding increase, and discussed the proposal to increase road funds by \$1.2 billion.

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-Heard that pavement Maintenance Systems LLC was the low bidder on MDOT's micro-surfacing M-203 project, which should start in late July, and take up to 18 work days to complete.

-Heard that the State reissued a new RFP for 12,600 sq.ft. of office space for the relocation of the DHS office, currently located at 200 Quincy St. RFP's are due April 10th.

-2012 transit ridership increased 5.3% to 18,956 riders

-Reviewed Senator Casperson's SB#10 which if enacted into law, would allow ORV/ATV use of certain State highway's to go from one trail to another trail, such as the Lift Bridge gap between the Jack Stevens Trail and the Bill Nicholas Trail

-Reviewed upcoming Sesquicentennial events

-Reviewed the January 9th Lift Bridge engineering meeting notes

-noted the COE has issued a public notice dated February 5th for the Navy St. Boardwalk project

-Discussed the possible joint venture of Portage Health with another health care company.

The Commission was informed that most of the design suggestions made by members have been incorporated into the Navy St. Boardwalk design, including:

- a. Bid either round or H steel piling
- b. Lower deck height to 605.3 elevation
- c. 6x6 post bottom elevation at 602.0
- d. Add deck warranty option
- e. Add alt. price for add'l docking running boards at 602 and 604 elevation
- f. Move 2 fish extensions to the ends of the boardwalk
- g. Redesign deck railing once code requirements are confirmed

It was moved by Wilmers and seconded by Wenc to cancel the March 25th meeting.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

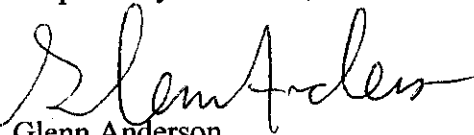
It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Mann to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Anderson
Secretary