

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF JULY 27, 2015**

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Lucchesi on Monday, July 27, 2015 with the following members present: Tony Wilmers, Dave Lucchesi, Dan Seguin, Deb Mann, Clark Korpela, Bob Wenc and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Lisa McKenzie and Ron Blau

Guests: Curtis Wittenberg, Jon Julien, Allyson Jabusch, Roland Burgan and Jeff Lang

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Korpela to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Seguin to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes with 2 spelling corrections, Deb Mann and Dave Lucchesi.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Korpela and seconded by Mann to approve the June 22, 2015 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments:

Allyson Jabusch thanked the City for the Key Ingredient and the waterfront Canal Rock Music events, saying she was proud to live in the City. She also asked the Commission to consider a landscaping project to improve the appearance of Tezcuco Street between Hancock St. and Navy St. She also expressed support for the unique Labyrinth located on Navy Street.

Updates/Information

-Heard that the 2nd Annual Copper Country Festa Italiana will be held on Saturday, August 8th at the Houghton County Arena.

-Heard that the City was rededicating Lurn-Grove Park on Friday, August 14th at Noon in honor of 2 sailors who died in WWII, Alvin Lurn and Robert Grove.

-Reviewed a long running legal case and the Michigan Court of Appeals decision in City of Brighton vs. Jack & Marilyn Bonner

-Heard that Jim and Miriam Pickens will be installing solar panels on property they own adjacent to their house at 1994 Sylvan Dr.

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- Reviewed the May 14, 2015 and the July 9, 2015 US41-M26 Corridor meeting minutes.
- Heard the City remove some of the debris on the fire damaged trailer #29 located in the Beach View Trailer Park.
- Heard that MDOT has acquired special \$200,000 funding for a project to improve pedestrian safety in both cities, and has asked the City to identify locations on Hancock Street.
- Heard that MDOT is now letting municipalities to install yield to pedestrian signs in cross walks on State trunk lines as long as it is posted as local law. The City Attorney is reviewing this new policy.
- Discussed the changes in recycling made by Waste Management, including charging \$4.00 for drop offs and adding #1 thru #8 plastics.
- Reviewed the summer KNSC newsletter.
- Heard that the City was awarded the MEDC grant of \$176,390 for Vollwerth's expansion project located at 200 Hancock Street.
- Reviewed the KSEF event calendar for August 5th to 8th.
- Received an update on the design and real estate acquisition for the 2016 MDOT reconstruct project.
- Reviewed the Hancock Transportation survey conducted by the Copper Country RICC this spring. The survey indicated Saturday and evening bus service is the most requested new service, if funding was available.
- Heard that Calumet Schools were opening a home school Discovery Center at 601 Ingot Street.
- Looked at an editorial supporting sharing the electric power grid between both peninsula's of Michigan
- Discussed current road funding proposals
- Reviewed SkyWest Airlines 2016 & 2017 proposal to the DOT for Essential Air service to CMX, again, for the 4th time, Sky West/United were the only bidder for service into CMX. The amount of the bid subsidy is \$1,633,954 per year.

The Commission received an update on the World of Wood expansion project, located at 215 Hancock St. The 49' x 68' addition is enclosed with a roof, and the exterior front brick and copper façade is almost complete. The North rear wall was made level at grade with the private alley area at the request of the adjacent property owner. The City did receive a sealed set of structural and mechanical plans prepared by OHM Advisors dated 7-1-15. The project is on schedule to be completed in September.

Jeff Lang, CEO of Upper Peninsula Health System-Portage presented a site plan for a 1,090 sq.ft. Endoscopy Suite renovations just North of the lab area. A sealed set of plans was included Stengel-Hill Architecture from Louisville Kentucky dated July 2, 2015. Charles Hill, Architect, Michigan License # 004607 signed the plans.

It was moved by Wilmers and seconded by Korpela to approve UP Health System-Portage site plan dated 7-2-15 for a 1,090 sq. ft. interior endoscopy suite renovation located at 500 Campus Drive.

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AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

Curtis Wittenberg, Assistant Athletic Director for Finlandia University presented a site plan for a 3,970 sq. ft. locker room building to be located on the West side of McAfee Field, near the corner of Emma Street and Atlantic Street. The locker room would be Phase I of the larger grand stand project previously submitted. OHM Advisors prepared the site plan. The building would be a one story cement block building with the front façade facing East onto the field. The existing bleachers and press box will be relocated to the East side of McAfee field. The roof and roofing drains will connect underground to the existing detention basin, and run off calculations were reviewed.

It was moved by Wenc and seconded by Mann to approve Finlandia University's site plan for a 3,970 sq. ft. locker room building at McAfee field located on the property adjacent to Atlantic St. & Emma Street

AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried

Deb Mann discussed HB 5513 related to licensed mobile home parks, and noted there are 1,122 licensed mobile home parks in Michigan.

Jeff Lang, CEO of UP Health System-Portage, introduced himself to the Commission and discussed the future Calumet clinic.

It was moved by Wenc and seconded by Korpela to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary