

CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF MARCH 27, 2017

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Deb Mann at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017 with the following members present: Tony Wilmers, Clark Korpela, Deb Mann, Lisa McKenzie and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Bob Wenc, Ron Blau and Dave Lucchesi

Guests: None

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Wilmers to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Clark to approve the February 27, 2017 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Susan and John Rosemurgy, 318 Harris Ave., supporting changing White St. back to a two-way street.
2. Letter from Terry Monson, and Paula Jacobs, 233 Wright St. supporting keeping White St. one-way up.
3. Email from Hans Lechner, 701 Elm St., opposing bike lanes on White St.

Updates/Information

-Heard the City Council approved the non-motorized plan on March 15, 2017

-Heard final edits and pictures are being added to the draft Master Plan.

-Noted the City is hosting the MSU Planning & Zoning essentials training at the fire hall on Tuesday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m.

-Heard the City is saving about \$10,000 annually on electric usage with the new LED street lights on Quincy St.

-Reviewed the March 9, 2017 Bike & Pedestrian Committee meeting minutes

-Reviewed the January 12, 2017 US41/M 26 Corridor meeting minutes

- Heard the State Treasurer, Nich Khouri, approved the new 15 year, 2018 to 2032 Michigan Tech Enterprise SmartZone school tax capture to fund high tech economic development activities
- Heard MSU is hosting a medical marijuana webinar on the 2016 changes to the law related to licensing facilities.
- Reviewed the March 25th, 2017 Detroit Free Press article on marijuana licensing.

The Commission reviewed the McLain State Park Master Plan map and noted the plans call for 100 plus campsites. The park had a high of 105 campsites in 1987 and because of erosion it was down to a low of 91 in 2016. The park is planning a \$6 million investment over 3 phases to fully implement the plan, and has secured funding for Phase 1. It was noted that in one storm alone in 2014 the shore eroded 12'.

The Commission reviewed the list of 2017 city wide projects and grants, with over \$8.5 million of construction scheduled for 2017.

The Commission reviewed a request from SEMCO for a new 10" gas main, 42 miles long, from Rapid River to Marquette that is scheduled to be built by 2020. Residential customers will see an increase of \$3.99 per month starting this Fall to pay for the \$140 million project.

The Commission also reviewed the \$255 million proposal to construct two new natural gas electric generation facilities using reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE units), one in Negaunee Township and one in Baraga Township. The project is being proposed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation.

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Wilmers to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary