

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2019**

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Devin Leonarduzzi on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Devin Leonarduzzi, Jeffrey Kelley, John Slivon, Ron Blau and Barry Givens

It was moved by Slivon and seconded by Blau to approve the Agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Kelley and seconded by Blau to approve the February 25th, 2019 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- a. The Commission reviewed the upcoming WUPPDR Transportation Planning Meeting to be held on Friday May 3rd. The meeting will be located at the Houghton City Center and will include a review of MDOT's 5 year transportation plan for the Upper Peninsula.
- b. The Commission reviewed correspondence from Bryant Weathers in regards to the design for the reconstruction of College Avenue. The project is slated for construction in 2021 and a Google document has been prepared to submit comments electronically.
- c. The Hancock Beautification Groups 2019 plans were reviewed. The projects again include plantings and maintenance of plantings along various areas downtown. The DDA approved the HBG's budget at its April meeting. Light pole business banners will be erected again this summer.
- d. The annual City of Hancock Spring Clean-up will be held on Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th. The clean-up will run from 9am to 6pm each day and items accepted include white goods, scrap metal and general debris up to 4 cubic yards.
- e. The March flows at the PLWSA were discussed. As discussed previously a major lake infiltration was discovered and repaired during site work for a new home on Sunset Drive. Flows have increased slightly but this may be attributed to Spring runoff.
- f. The State of Michigan has issued an RFP for the purchase of Camp Kitwen in Painesdale. The prison camp closed in 2019. The RFP's are due in June. Houghton County has begun the creation of a task force to further study jail options. One option is to review Camp Kitwen as a possible jail location.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The City Manager updated the Commission on the City Council's Ordinance Review Committee's work. One area the committee is focusing on is the 2015 Property Maintenance Code. The 2015 Property Maintenance Code has been adopted by the Council and implementation of enforcement was discussed. The City Manager shared photos of areas within the City which are in violation of 2015 PMC. Suggestions for implementation by Commission include public education, volunteer assistance, promoting the health and safety measure of the PMC and hiring a part time code enforcement officer.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

It was moved by Blau and seconded by Kelley to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry J. Givens, P.E.
City Manager