

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OF MAY 20, 2013**

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bill Laitila, Deb Mann, Dave Lucchesi, Bill Baxandall, Dan Lorenzetti, Lisa McKenzie, Glenn Anderson and Tony Wilmers.

Absent: Bob Wenc

Guests: None

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Laitila to approve the April 22, 2013 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Reviewed the schedule of events for Saturday, June 29th Copper Country Firemen's Tournament to be held in Hancock as part of the city's Sesquicentennial event series.
- Heard the city was getting quotes from contractors to install the new Navy St. storm sewer between M & M Power Sports and the Ramada Inn.
- Reviewed upcoming sesquicentennial history events, including a talk on Irish Settlers on May 21st, Pewabic Pottery on June 6th, and Cornish settlers on June 11th.
- Reviewed the PLLB Emergency Mgt. Long term outage group meeting notes of April 3, 2013.
- Heard that the Campus Dr. reconstruction project west of Poplar St. will be bid out on July 12th by MDOT.
- Noted the upcoming city FinnFest reception scheduled for Thursday, June 20th with a dance starting at 8:00 p.m. The musical group "TOIVO" will play at the dance.
- Reviewed the preliminary FinnFest schedule of events.
- Looked over the Finnex schedule of events. The SmartZone has received a grant to help at least one Michigan business do exporting to Finland.
- Noted that FirstMerit Bank will be changing out the Citizen Bank signs soon. The new bank will have 415 branches in 5 states.
- Heard that Habarnero's restaurant was selected as the best small business for 2012 by the Michigan Small Business and Technology Center.

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- Discussed the tentative dates for Portage Health sale of 80% ownership to Life Point Corporation. The transaction is expected to close late this year.
- Heard that MDOT will be installing new traffic lights at Sharon Ave./M-26 which will have new caution yellow left turn signals.
- Deb Mann suggested fund raising options for city parks, and discussed the need for a city 5 year beautification plan, including tree plantings and yard clean ups.
- Discussed the Quincy Smelter site related to EPA Superfund delisting, and the City of Houghton's proposal to the NPS to finance a relocation plan for Isle Royale National Park Headquarters.

The Commission reviewed the 2012 City of Hancock Bike and Pedestrian Survey summary. The survey was conducted in the Fall of 2012 using survey monkey, and had 695 respondents. The commission reviewed pedestrian and bike users during all 4 seasons, and noted frequency maps, destinations, and dislikes and improvements.

The Commission reviewed bids for the Front Wall improvement project. J. Clark Construction bid \$30,040, and MJO Contracting bid \$39,636. The block between the E. Hancock Stairs and Center St. is expected to be done by FinnFest. The second block won't be done until July.

The Commission discussed the possible sale of a 70' x 120' lot located on Hancock Street, portions of lots 4 & 5, Block 7 of the original plat for development purposes.

It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by Laitila to recommend the City Council offer the property for sale.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by McKenzie to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson, Secretary