

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018**

The regular Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Devin Leonarduzzi on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Andrew Lahti, Tony Wilmers, Jeffrey Kelley, Devin Leonarduzzi and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Ron Blau, Lisa McKenzie, Deb Mann and Bob Wenc

Guests: None

It was moved by Lahti and seconded by Kelley to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Wilmers and seconded by Lahti to approve the April 23, 2018 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Heard that the 2 KCF Youth Endowment Advisory grants written by Deb Mann were funded at \$5,000 each. The first grant is for bike racks at city parks and the second grant is for an ADA swing set. The Commission thanked Deb Mann for her efforts.
- Heard the City Council plans to close on the sale of a 1.83 acre parcel of property to the Houghton County Fair Association in late June once a lease agreement is signed.
- Learned that MDOT will bid out the Small Urban Repaving Project on June 1st, construction estimate is \$269,400 of which \$187,500 is the MDOT grant.
- Received an update that Pipetek will start cleaning and televising 11 miles of storm sewer in late May and will be working till mid July in the City.
- Pipetek will also clean and televise one mile of sanitary sewer mains and some sewer service laterals to try to locate additional inflow sources.
- Heard the City plans to hire Pipetek to make some inflow sewer repairs based on a flow priority schedule.
- Heard the City has implemented the on-line registration for campground reservations.
- Reviewed the 2018 DPW project list.
- Noted that the MEDC closed out the Vollwerth's grant, MSC 21500-CDF dated May 3, 2018. The grant was for \$176,390, the DDA contributed a \$10,000 facade grant and Vollwerth's invested \$433,556.73 and created 12 new jobs, of which 77.42% went to low to moderate income persons

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- Reviewed the 2018 Bridgefest event schedule.
- Looked at the HB & PA and DDA Canal Rock music schedule for Friday nights starting June 8th.
- Heard the State SHPO has unanimously approved listing the old Hancock High School building to the National Register list of historic places
- Learned that the Hancock Rotary donated \$2,000 toward the new Beach dock construction project
- Heard Pro-Nav is locating its offices to the old Road Commission office at the County Marina.
- Heard that Stephen Smith again has agreed to Chair the July 20th Key Ingredient event
- Heard that Superior Sand & Gravel plans to sell the large warehouse building located at 1028 Ethel Ave.
- Heard there is an interested buyer for the Coon Electric Building, 100 Navy St.
- Heard that Houghton County is bidding out a project to upgrade the marina docks
- Reviewed the US 41/ M-26 Corridor Advisory meeting minutes of March 15th
- Heard the City Council adopted a resolution supporting the reinstatement of state historic tax credits for redevelopment projects.

The Commission was briefed on a recent MDOT scoping meeting to begin design work on the \$1.8 million MDOT project to repair/rehab US 41 from Scott Street to Lake Annie Road scheduled for construction in 2020. MDOT discussed repaving US 41 from M-203 to Lake Annie Road.

The Commission heard the City Council has completed non-content edits to the proposed new Master Plan and were going to discuss any content changes at a special meeting to be held on May 23rd.

The Commission reviewed 12 concept locations in the downtown area that could fit up to a 14,000 sq. ft. building with parking.

The Commission discussed areas for potential new downtown parking lots and will continue the discussion at future meetings.

The Commission discussed asking MDOT to add one to three new cross walks along N. Lincoln Dr. (US-41) as part of the 2020 MDOT project.

The Commission reviewed the proposed recommendation by the City's Bike & Ped. Committee to add dual painted bike lanes on M-203 from US-41 West to Jasberg St. This would need MDOT's approval.

It was moved by Wilmers and seconded by Kelley to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
City Manager