

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

Call to order by Chairperson Griffis at 6:00pm.

Present: Blau, Harris, Nagel, Walton, Griffis, Rickard, Lahti, Knoop, Kalinec

Absent: None

Also Present: Mary Babcock, Tara Dulong, Seth DePasqual, Allison Jabusch, Larry Fallon, Troy Bouman, and other members of the community.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Nagel to approve the agenda.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

Troy Bouman – 1400 Silver Dr. – owner of All UP Snow Blowing – read a letter that gives a background of his business and explained the reason for the driveway markers.

Seth DePasqual – 311 Center St. – read his letter of complaint about the driveway markers from All UP Snow Blowing.

**Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Knoop to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2024, meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Updates** – City Manager Babcock gave the following updates:

- Election update – Early voting center open at the Houghton City Center; we’ve had 153 voters so far. Mailed out approximately 800 absentee ballots. Dean Woodbeck is running as a write in for Ward 2.
- 224 Quincy St – Demolition quotes are due on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- M-DOT Shared Streets and Spaces - \$200,000 grant to be used for a sidewalk connecting the elementary school to the high school.
- Trick-or-Treating – will be from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Trunk or treat will be at the Church of the Resurrection.
- City Council – Public Hearing meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> for Animal Ordinance 316.
- Special Use Application – received for a daycare center at 417 Quincy St.

**Unfinished Business**

- 1. Motion by Member Knoop and supported by Member Rickard to approve the revisions to section 5.05.A.6.i and 5.05.A.6.2.ii.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**New Business**

- 1. Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Kalinec to approve the zoning permit application for the Portage Hospital LLC. Addition at 500 Campus Drive.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

- 2. Discussion on service-related advertisements – will be discussed by the sign subcommittee and brought back to the commission.

November meeting date change - will meet on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment**

Allison Jabusch – 929 Maple St. – commented on the Navy St. expansion.

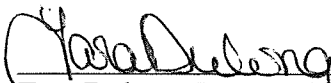
Larry Fallon – commented on recreational vehicles and other cities in the Upper Peninsula.

Troy Bouman – 1400 Silver Dr. – would like the sign subcommittee to look at real estate signs also.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Member Kalinec and supported by Member Knoop to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

  
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Tara Dulong, Deputy Clerk