

**UNAPPROVED
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PLANNING-CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN**

For the Regular Meeting of the Planning-Citizen Advisory Commission July 26, 2004 at 7 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jahnke and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Commissioners Berry, Grimm, Hall, Hinton, LaPonsie, Schmaltz, Teelander and Chairman Jahnke.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Director of Public Works Dan DesJarden, Building Inspector Doug Hopkins and Mayor Jeanne Shores.

IT WAS MOVED BY HALL and seconded by TEELANDER to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2004 regular meeting as corrected.

YEA: 8. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** A request was made to remove the special land use permit application concerning a vehicle repair facility from the agenda.

Commissioner Hinton requested Items 6A and 6B be tabled until the next meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY HINTON and seconded by SCHMALTZ to approve the agenda as modified.

YEA: 8. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. SITE PLAN REVIEW – None.

B. VARIANCES – RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – none.

Item #3. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ON GOING BUSINESS.**

A. Definition of Mining. Chairman Jahnke explained it appears there is no clear definition for mining. If there is any processing of the aggregate such as wash, plants, sorting, sifting, crushing or any processing done on site, it would be under federal code of regulations, titled "mining operation". If the product is being removed from site for sale, it usually is considered a

mining operation. Peat gravel and top soil are not considered to be mineral and therefore, is not under the definition of mining. Jahnke requested an additional month to review in order to present two options for a definition of mining.

B.

The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Item #4. **BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT**. No comments were received.

Item #5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**. No comments were received.

Item #6. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**. Commissioner Hall questioned the status of establishing a downtown Main street crosswalk. City Manager Pasquale stated crosswalks will be placed at the intersections of Monroe, Riverside and Water Street. A proposal was made to place a mid block crosswalk from the King Milling parking lot to the riverwalk. However, the DDA and merchants are concerned about the loss of several parking spaces.

Hall was concerned due to an additional restaurant opening.

Public Works Director DesJarden stated a mid block crossing would not allow for parking within 100 feet.

Commissioner LaPonsie questioned the summary of complaints and action taken. Hopkins noted items remain on the list until there are no outstanding issues.

Commissioner Schmaltz stated all parking spots were being used during the Riverwalk Festival. Mayor Shores stated Kackel Orchard provided a taxi service from the fairgrounds to the riverwalk.

Chairman Jahnke questioned the moratorium on the ground signs. Pasquale responded this was passed by the City Council.

Jahnke commented on the retaining wall recently built by Sundry. It was built within the City street right of way. This was not on the original plan. The issue will be resolved.

IT WAS MOVED BY HINTON to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Clark K. Jahnke, Chairman

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk