

**Minutes of City of Newaygo Planning Commission  
May 12, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Dave Chambers.

Present: Williams, Westcott, Wight, Chambers, Fetterley, Kroll and Faulkner. Also present City Manager Schneider.

Absent: Day and Stevens.

Motion by Williams, second by Wight to excuse the absent members. AIF/MC

Motion By Westcott, second by Faulkner to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Public Comments: None.

Motion by Wight, second by Williams to approve the April 7, 2015 minutes as written. AIF/MC

Jeremy Ogg, Lessee of 404 Adams Street (M-37), addressed Commission about his desire to wash cars outdoors at the 404 Adams St location. According to his employee, who was present in the audience, they wash up to eight cars in a day. According to Mr. Ogg, approximately five gallons of water are used on each car. Mr. Ogg also claims his chemicals are not harmful to the environment.

Commission discussed how property owner to the south has been quite upset because he has observed Mr. Ogg washing vehicles outdoors even though he has not been approved for it. Commission expressed strong concern regarding washing vehicles outdoors and whether the chemicals would contaminate area ground water, especially aquifer of nearby city wells. Commission reiterated that vehicles should be washed within an enclosed building (per former approval conditions) and that a proper drain connected to the City's sanitary sewer system should be installed to capture runoff from washing vehicles.

Mr. Ogg and the Commission reached a consensus that property line disputes with neighbors to the east and south need to be resolved first. Then a proposal/application could be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration. Mr. Ogg also instructed that an Outdoor business (i.e. washing vehicles outdoors) would require a special use approval per the City of Newaygo Zoning Ordinance.

Public Comments: None.

Motion by Kroll, second by Williams to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. AIF/MC

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Schneider,  
City Manager