

**Minutes of Newaygo City Planning Commission
October 10, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice-Chairman Kroll.

Present: Kroll, Faulkner, Wight (arrived at 6:35 pm), Black, Williams, Westcott, Fetterley. Also present City Manager Schneider.

Absent: Chambers, Day

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

Amended agenda to change the order of items under "New Business". Motion by Faulkner, second by Westcott to approve the agenda as amended. AIF/MC

Public comments: None.

Motion by Faulkner, second by Williams to approve the September 7, 2017 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

Motion by Williams, second by Westcott to approve the land split/boundary adjustment for Lot 20 and Lot 31 in River Hills Court. AIF/MC

Motion by Faulkner, second by Black to approve invoking the Master Plan process and to also approve the "Notice of Intent" letter to start the process which will be sent out to surrounding jurisdictions, utilities, railroads and County Board(s). AIF/MC Scott Faulkner, 6268 Carrigan Dr. and Chair of the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) was present to talk about the new "I AM NEWaygo" campaign that was just launched. Stated there are two upcoming meetings, one on Saturday, October 14th at 9:00 am at the old/former museum and the second one on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 pm, same location. This campaign is for public engagement, public input. Jeff Speck and Harry Wierenga will be in Newaygo to consult and give ideas on how to better improve walkability and non-motorized planning. The City also needs to look at housing as there is a shortage within the community. Some discussion on the RRC (Readiness Ready Community) program and how the campaign and Master Plan fit with some of the requirements that go along with this program. LSL, Inc. will be assisting the City on putting together the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

Some comments/suggestions with regards to Master Plan:

Kroll mentioned he would like to see some distance markers on paths and trails and more lighting. Scott Faulkner mentioned a pedestrian bridge over the river and a plan for development of the properties on Wood Street currently owned by the City. Black would like to see some wayfinding signage throughout the City.

Public Comments: None

Member Comments:

Schneider gave the board an update on the Ortwein Riverbank development project and the sewer system project.

Westcott asked about the chronology of development over the past 30 years; Schneider asked Westcott to work on this.

Williams asked how much has been invested in the community (i.e. MSHDA)?

Motion by Black, second by Williams to adjourn at 7:13 pm. AIF/MC

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Schneider, Zoning Administrator (in Day's absence)