

**Minutes of Newaygo City Planning Commission
November 14, 2017**

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

Present: Chambers, Williams, Westcott, Faulkner, Wight, Black and Day. Also present: City Manager Schneider.

Absent: Kroll and Fetterley.

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

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

Public Comments: None.

Two corrections offered to the October 10, 2017 minutes: Address for Scott Faulkner should be 6268 Carrigan Drive, and the Chair Person for the meeting was Travis Kroll rather than Chambers who was absent.

Motion by Faulkner, second by Williams to approve the minutes with the two corrections. AIF/MC

Scott Faulkner, 6268 Carrigan Drive and Chair of the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) was present to review the "Walkability Report – City of Newaygo" prepared by Jeff Speck who was here in late October to consult and give ideas on how to better to improve walkability and non-motorized planning. Things we need to think about for the upcoming City Master Plan review: Walkability (a focus of the study), Biking, Trails, Traffic Flow – primarily by narrowing traffic lanes, Housing, Economic Growth and Infrastructure Improvements. Per Mr. Speck some things have been done right, such as adding trees downtown along M-37. His study shows that 150 parking spaces could be easily added with just paint! (along with some engineering to be sure it is done correctly).

The members reviewed a proposal from Shaneanns Childcare, LLC, a local childcare facility currently at 4947 Croton Dr. and 585 West Fremont St, Newaygo, for a possible new location in the City Industrial Park. A big part of the reason to locate in the Industrial Park is to serve employees of manufacturers located there. A survey of one-third of the employees by the Right Place at Magna Mirrors in the park shows that they have approximately 240 children in daycare and a near-by facility would be very helpful. The main purpose of this presentation was to see if the Commission would be amenable to insert design standards in the Zoning Ordinance - Special Use Chapter, for a daycare center with a fifteen foot setback (current setback is 50'). The subject was discussed and the members were favorable to the possibility and could see the urgent need for a larger daycare center in the community. Schneider will look into making the change(s). No action taken.

Motion by Black, second by Wight to approve Resolution P17-02, setting dates for 2018 Planning Commission meetings. AIF/MC

Motion by Williams, second by Faulkner to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. AIF/MC

Respectfully submitted,

C. Douglas Day,
Secretary