



**Proceedings of the Ironwood Planning Commission
Wednesday January 02, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 02, 2013 in the Conference Room #1, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Assistant Chair Bergman called the meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Bergman, Thomas	X			
Burchell, Bob	X			
Cayer, Joseph Sr.	X			
Davey, Sam		X	X	
Geib, Courtland	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X		X
Johnson, Leroy	X			
Semo, Rick, ex-officio, non voting member	X			

Also present: Public Safety Director, Andrew Digorgio, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown and Phil Martel (community member).

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Geib to accept the meeting minutes of December 5, 2012. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 5 - 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Burchell to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Johnson. **Motion Carried 5 - 0.**

5. Annual Nomination and Election of Planning Commission Chair and Vice-Chair:

Motion by Geib to elect Thomas Bergman as the next Chairman of the Planning Commission. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion carried 5 - 0.**

Roll Call:

MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bergman, Thomas	X			
Burchell, Bob	X			
Cayer, Joseph, Sr.	X			
Davey, Sam		X		X
Geib, Courtland	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X		X
Johnson, Leroy	X			

Motion by Bergman to elect Bob Burchell as Co-Chair of the Planning Commission. **Second** by Johnson. **Motion Carried 5 / 0.**

Roll Call:

MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bergman, Thomas	X			
Burchell, Bob	X			
Cayer, Joseph, Sr.	X			
Davey, Sam		X		X
Geib, Courtland	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X		X
Johnson, Leroy	X			

6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit):

None

7. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit):

None

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

a. Medical Marihuana

Director of Public Safety, Police, Andrew Digorgio spoke and recommended that the Planning Commission not make an ordinance regarding marihuana at this time. His thoughts were that if we make an ordinance at this time, it will be changed numerous times after the Michigan State Supreme Court reviews it.

Motion made by Geib to table this item for a term of 6 months, then review this again with staff. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion carried 5 - 0.**

b. 2013 Goals:

See attached document. Recommended that the goals be passed on to those not in attendance at this meeting.

This Committee would like to see more interaction with the other committees.

More training for the Planning Commission Board Members.

Review Zoning Boards of Appeals (ZBA) process.

Investigate the State of Michigan place-making initiatives and evaluation of how this committee may use them in future planning.

9. Project Updates:

None to report

10. Other Business:

Send card to John Wyssling thanking him for his dedication of more than 20 plus years on the Planning Commission.

11. Next Meeting:

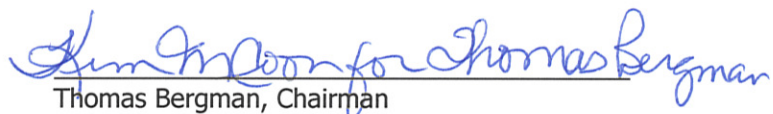
February 06, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Geib to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Johnson. **Motion Carried 5 - 0.**

Adjournment at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Thomas Bergman, Chairman


Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant



GOALS – PLANNING COMMISSION
As discussed at the meeting on Wednesday, January 02, 2013

1. Update the City's Comprehensive Plan.
2. More interaction with other committees.
3. US2 Corridor improvement plan.
4. Training for Planning Commission Members.
5. Review Zoning Board (ZBA) appeals process
6. Investigate the State of Michigan place-making initiatives and evaluate how we can use this.