



PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, January 5, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chair Bergman called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Vacant				
Burchell, Bob	X			
Cayer, Joseph Sr.	X			
Davey, Sam	X			
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Nancy Korpela	X			
Semo, Rick, ex-officio, non-voting member	X			
Silver, Mark	X			
	7	0	Quorum	

Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson

3. Approval of the August 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Silver to accept the August 4, 2016 Minutes. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Silver to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- A. PC Case 2016-009 Amendment to the Tier II Surplus Property Policy: Chair Davey asked for additional input from the Commission. Bergman reviewed the policy document.

Motion by Silver to accept the policy as presented. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

- B. Discuss and consider the sale of City Parcel on Ayer St. to Gogebic County Community Mental Health: Director Bergman introduced the site plan and the attached documents. The Commission discussed the trail connection from Miners Park to the Iron Belle Trail.

Motion by Cayer to recommend the sale of this site to the City Commission. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

- C. PC Case 2016-003 – Sidewalk Policy Resolution: Director Bergman presented the Sidewalk Policy Resolution.

Motion by Burchell to accept the policy as presented. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

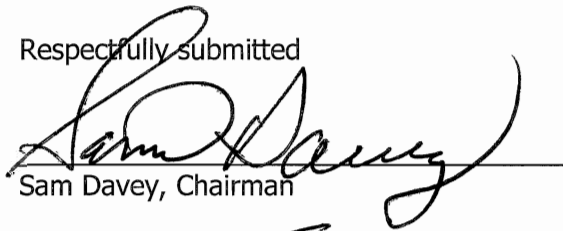
- D. Ottawa Forest Products Log Yard Expansion – Aaron Ruotsala present: Director Bergman presented the project. Aaron Ruotsala from Ottawa Forest Products presented his proposal and discussed the details of the plan. There was discussion about the Miners Park District and the meaning of the word forestry. The Commission decided to have the Parks and Recreation Committee weigh in on the site plan and then to plan for a special meeting.

E. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

- I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance
 1. Director Bergman discussed the timeline for the revision.
- II. Strategy 3.1(b) Update the Zoning Map
 1. Director Bergman recommended that the Commission look at some city owned parcels to rezone.
- III. Strategy 4.2 Prepare a Wayfinding Master Plan
 1. Director Bergman discussed the wayfinding master plan and that it will be produced in the next couple meetings.
- IV. Strategy 4.4 Prioritize, plan for and construct pedestrian system improvements
 1. Director Bergman discussed trails as part of the system.
- V. Strategy 5.8(a) & 6.8(a) Develop a community-wide arts plan

1. Korpela stated that the group still needs to get back together.
8. Other Business: Director Bergman discussed the Marijuana law and that the City Commission will be conducting a workshop to discuss.
9. Next Meeting: February 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment:
Motion by Silver to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**
Adjournment at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Sam Davey, Chairman



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant