



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Thursday, August 2, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chair Davey called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

Recording of the Roll:

| MEMBER                                      | PRESENT  |          | EXCUSED       | NOT<br>EXCUSED |
|---|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|
|   | YES      | NO       |               |                |
| Vacant                                      |          |          |               |                |
| Burchell, Bob                               | X        |          |               |                |
| Cayer, Joseph F.                            |          | X        | X             |                |
| Davey, Sam                                  | X        |          |               |                |
| Lemke, Joseph                               |          | X        | X             |                |
| Nancy Korpela                               | X        |          |               |                |
| Cayer, Joe J. ex-officio, non-voting member | X        |          |               |                |
| Silver, Mark                                | X        |          |               |                |
|   | <b>5</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>Quorum</b> |                |

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

2. Approval of the June 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion** by Korpela to accept the June 7, 2017 Minutes. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 4 to 0.**

3. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 4 to 0.**


4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
6. Items for Discussion and Consideration:
  - A. Discuss and consider Eric Fitting regarding revision of site plan for storage units on Ayer Street.
    - I. Fitting addressed the Commission with a new proposal of storage containers. Bergman addressed the Commission and stated that the site plan shows a building and that storage containers require a separate conditional use. Fitting presented pictures showing storage units on various other properties within the industrial park. Bergman stated that the storage containers are taxed by personal property tax and not as assessment tax. Fitting stated that he will make the properties look aesthetically pleasing. He stated that mobility is a reason why he chose the storage containers versus a physical building. Bergman talked about requiring screening or having a structure built on the property. Bergman talked about the difference between industrial park property and industrial property. Burchell suggested that they be uniform and that there are screening conditions on the units. Bergman will move forward with the conditional use permit, and will give some recommended conditions to the Planning Commission at the next meeting.
  - B. Discuss and consider placement of storage container at 200 E. Ayer Street in the C-2 Downtown Commercial District.
    - I. Coleman Engineering presented the site plan. Bergman presented the language in the zoning ordinance. The Commission discussed some conditions that need to be placed on the unit. The Commission stated that this needs to be worked out in the zoning ordinance revision.  
  
**Motion** by Burchell to approve the plan as drawn. **Second** by Silver. **Motion Carried 4 to 0.**
  - C. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items.
    - I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance – Review visit from consultants.
      1. Bergman presented the full audit of the ordinance by the consultants.
7. Other Business: None.
8. Next Meeting: September 6, 2018
9. Adjournment:

**Motion** by Silver to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 4 to 0.**

Adjournment at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Sam Davey, Chair

  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant