



**City of Allegan
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2019
Allegan City Hall Council Chambers
231 Trowbridge Street Allegan MI 49010**

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Attendance

Present: Julie Emmons, Jason Watts, Roger Bird, Traci Perrigo, Tanya Westover, Alex Wilkening and Thomas Morton

Absent: Brad Burke, and one vacancy.

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager

3) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jason Watts, supported by Julie Emmons, to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting with the following amendment:

- Under item 5A.1, the sixth paragraph be rewritten to say that the motion made by Jason Watts was “Withdrawn by Jason Watts” and not “Motion failed due to lack of support”.

Motion passed 7-0.

4) Public Comment

None

5) Discussion

5A.1 – Review and Discussion of the Allegan City Dam

Dye informed the Commission that City Council would like to hear from the Planning Commission as it relates to the amenities the Commission would like to see if the Allegan City Dam is removed. The Commission discussed this item and the following amenities were listed.

- Dog park that doesn't flood;
- Picnic area with grills down by the newly created green space by the Mill District;
- Large open space for play areas;
- Covered pavilion;
- Stand-alone barge, or concession area to be run by a private company similar to Red Dock;
- Mini Golf;
- Luge;
- Ice Skating Rink; and
- Year round speakers and lights on all paths.

5A.2 – Review and Discussion of the Allegan City Mill District

Dye presented a plan that shows the Mill District being redeveloped into a mixed use/mixed density residential development with some recreations uses. During the presentation Dye mentioned that the City is currently working with a developer to implement the plan. The Commission in general spoke in favor of the plan and stated they are looking forward to the development of the Mill District.

5A.3 – Review and Discussion of the City's Zoning Map

Dye informed the Commission that in 2020 the Planning Commission will begin an update to their Master Plan, Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance. The Commission in general stated they are looking forward to taking on this much needed project in 2020.

6) Staff/Commission Comments

The Commission discussed the work they put into developing the proposed marijuana ordinances and discussed how they wished the City Council would have sent the ordinance back to the Planning Commission for more review instead of outright rejecting the proposed ordinances. Some commissioners stated that they were at that meeting and several councilmembers suggested changes they would like to see before they approved the proposed ordinances.

Motion by Jason Watts, supported by Tanya Westover to direct the City Manager to review the comments from the City Council regarding the proposed marijuana ordinances and bring back amended language for the Planning Commission to consider regulating Marijuana Establishments in the City of Allegan. Motion Carried 7-0.

No more staff or commission comments were heard.

7) Adjournment

Motion Roger Bird, Supported by Alex Wilkening to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by
Joel Dye, City Manager**