

**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
February 18, 2013  
Griswold Auditorium  
401 Hubbard Street Allegan MI 49010**

**MINUTES**

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Chairperson Stacie Gratz.

**2) Attendance**

Present: Ed Kowalski, Rob Hillard, Stacie Gratz, Cindy Thiele, Charles Tripp,  
Thomas Morton, Dr. Peter Savage  
Absent: Betty McDaniel

Others Present: Tasha Smalley (ZA), Patrick Hudson, Brian Wegener, Deb Leverage

**3) Approval of the agenda**

**Pete Savage** made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was supported by **Cindy Thiele**. Motion passed by acclamation.

**4) Approval of minutes from December 17, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.**

**Ed Kowalski** made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Motion was supported by **Cindy Thiele**. Motion passed by acclamation.

**5) Public Hearing.....none**

**6) New Business**

**A. Site Plan Review – Perrigo 2 additions Plant 4**

Patrick Hudson went over the project. Perrigo is proposing 2 additions to Plant 4; off Eastern Avenue. 1<sup>st</sup> will be for office use, 2<sup>nd</sup> will be manufacturing expansion. Office expansion 24,800 sq ft; manufacturing 17,700 sq ft. 156 parking spaces were added about a year ago to accommodate this expansion. The site exceeds the number of spaces required. Plan covers and meets all the site plan review requirements. DPW was given a copy of the plan for review of the Storm Water, approval was given. **Pete Savage** had a question about the 10 year vs 25 year storm water calculations. Patrick stated 10 year is the most common used. **Ed Kowalski** made a motion to recommend the site plan as presented to City Council. Motion was supported by **Charles Tripp**. No Discussion. Motion passed by acclamation.

**B. Marcus Blass** submitted his letter of resignation. Planning Commission very thankful for his service and wishes him well. Rob Hillard stated that the open position has been posted to find a replacement.

**C. Election of officers – Cindy Thiele** made a motion to keep the officers the same; Stacie Gratz as Chairperson, Ed Kowalski as Vice-Chairperson, Rob Hillard as Secretary. Motion was supported by **Peter Savage**. No discussion. Motion passed by acclamation.

**7) Old Business**

**A. Sign Ordinance revision discussion....**

Brian Wegener presented an evaluation of the current sign ordinance with some ideas and sample changes. The evaluation was 9 pages; the ordinance is outdated and confusing. He went through the pages with lots of discussion. One large topic of discussion was the Temp Signs and off-site signs. The City currently does not allow for off-site signs. Strong concern from the downtown business owners that this provision is hurting their business. There is not a way to direct people

downtown and let people know their business exists. They would like the PC to review this and try to add something to the ordinance. Brian is working with Allegan Township writing a sign ordinance, he stated he would get a copy to the PC to review. The City and the Twp are working together to have similar sign provisions along the M-89 corridor from river to Save-a-lot area. The PC will need to go over the evaluation and discuss some changes.

**B. Riverfront Design.....**

Input from the PC members that have been attending the meetings. Narrowed down to 2 concepts for the Riverfront. Ed Kowalski stated he likes the green space. Charles Tripp states he liked the Splash Park/Ice Skating rink, this will bring people to the area. Stacie Gratz stated she did not like that the stage was not permanent for entertainment. May be challenging to keep manage the putting up and taking down of a temporary structure when someone wants to use it. Expressed there should be a permanent stage for all kinds of groups and activities to use it.

7) **Communications/Correspondence**

9) **Education** - none

10) **Public Comment** – none

11) **Commission Comment**- none

12) **Future meeting dates.....**next regular scheduled meeting March 18, 2013.

13) **Adjournment**

-8:45 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Tasha Smalley  
Zoning Administrator**