

**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
April 15, 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, Betty McDaniel, Thomas Morton, Dr. Peter Savage, Brad Burke

Absent:

Others Present: Tasha Smalley (ZA), Patrick Hudson, Joe & Deb Leverence

3) Approval of the agenda

Ed Kowalski made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was supported by **Peter Savage**. Motion passed by acclamation.

4) Public Comment... none

5) Approval of minutes from March 18, 2013 Planning Commission meeting.

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

6) Public Hearing.....none

7) New Business

A. Welcome new member – Brad Burke

8) Old Business

A. Sign Ordinance – Final Draft

Brian Wegener presented the final draft of the sign ordinance. This version has been reviewed by the City attorney. The following are the corrections that were made: Section 23.3 D Add – “or decay” to the end of the paragraph. Section 23.4 A 5 Remove - “two hundred (200) feet apart” and replace with “fifty (50) feet apart”. Section 23.6 B 6 Remove – “human signs and” Section 23.6 D Remove – “no permit fee shall be required for a portable sign.” Section 23.7 reformat the table. Section 23.7 E - Remove all of E. Section 23.8 A 8 Add – “insert date”; or “5 years after effective date”. Section 23.9 6 – discussion regarding changing the distance from 200 feet to 100 feet from a residential district. **Ed Kowalski** made a motion to keep the distance 200 feet from residential district. The motion was supported by **Charles Tripp**. Roll Call – Ed-Yes; Stacie-Yes; Cindy-No; Charles-Yes; Betty-Yes; Thomas-Yes; Peter-Yes; Brad-Yes; Rob-Yes. Motion passed by acclamation. After the 200 feet it says “from a residential district and/or existing residence”, very confusing as to where the 200 feet starts to measure. The PC would like it to say something like – residential use property line; confusing to have two things to measure; should either be existing residence or property line – remove “district and/or existing residence” replace with - “residential use property line” **Ed Kowalski** made a motion to recommend to City Council with the changes above. Motion was supported by **Betty McDaniel**. No Discussion. Motion passed by acclamation.

9) Communications/Correspondence

A. MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) – State of Michigan is presenting at the May 13, 2013 City Council meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

10) Education - none

11) Public Comment – Joe Leverence was discouraged the proposed ordinance will still prohibit sign placement in certain areas.

12) **Commission Comment- Stacie Gratz** thanked all those who helped and attended the Riverfront Design meetings. A design has been selected.

13) **Future meeting dates.....**next regular scheduled meeting May 20, 2013.

14) **Adjournment**

-8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tasha Smalley

Zoning Administrator