

**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 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: Rob Hillard, Stacie Gratz, Charles Tripp, Thomas Morton, Brad Burke, Dr. Peter Savage, Betty McDaniel, Cindy Thiele

Absent: n/a

Others Present: Tasha Smalley (ZA), several audience members

3) Public Hearing.....none

4) Public Comment... none

5) Approval of Agenda....

Thomas Morton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was supported by **Cindy Thiele**. Motion passed by acclamation.

6) Approval of minutes from October 28, 2013 Planning Commission meeting.

Charles Tripp made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Motion was supported by **Dr. Peter Savage**. Motion passed by acclamation.

7) New Business

A. Membership....discussion

The PC is down a member. And Stacie Gratz was elected to the City Council and the statue does not allow two Council members to serve on the PC. Charles Tripp is the Council liaison now. Mayor McDaniel and Manager Rob Hillard are members of the PC also. Due to lack of interest from public to serve on the PC, it was thought to amend the statue to allow more than one Council member to serve on the PC. The statue will need to be amended and approved. That process is being checked out by the City attorney. Cindy Thiele asked why the City had a statue that allowed only one Council member and why change it now. Rob stated that it is state law and now the law has been changed to allow for instances like this. Ad has been in the paper to advertise the vacancy and no one has shown any interest. Election for Chair-person, vice-chair, and secretary will be on the next agenda; Stacie Gratz cannot be Chair because she is on the Council.

B. Meet with Allegan Twp for Joint meeting in January.....

It has been several months since the City and Twp had a joint meeting. January seems like a good opportunity to get together and have a joint meeting. Tasha Smalley sent the PC Chairperson and email to set up the meeting.

8) Old Business

A. M-89 Corridor Report...discussion

Since the last time this report has been discussed the City has implemented a few thing: sign ordinance, collaborated with Twp; road stripping, sidewalk improvement. What is the next item or items the City should work on to continue implementing the report?? The Allegan Area Economic Development Corp has been discussing implementing CIA. Capital Improvement Authority, tax based program to help put money back into property for improvements. Will help beautify the businesses i.e. landscaping, road striping, driveway access improvements. Add 3 lanes along M-89 for bike lane. Improve pedestrian travel by McDonalds east out of town.

B. Goals.....discussion

PC read over 2012/2013 goals. Several items were done and removed from the list.

2014/2015 new goal list will include: Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, RRC

9) Communications/Correspondence-none

10) Education – none

11) Public Comment – none

12) Commission Comment- none

13) Future meeting dates.....next regular scheduled meeting December 16, 2013

14) Adjournment

-8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tasha Smalley

Zoning Administrator