

**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 20, 2014
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: Stacie Gratz, Charles Tripp, Brad Burke, Betty McDaniel, Cindy Thiele

Absent: Thomas Morton, Dr. Peter Savage

Others Present: Tasha Smalley (ZA), Patrick Hudson, Rick & Ruth Smith, Rob Hillard

3) Election of officers...

Stacie Gratz nominated Brad Burke for Chairperson. Betty McDaniel made a motion to accept the nominee. Motion was supported by Cindy Thiele. Motion passed by acclamation.

Stacie Gratz nominated Cindy Thiele for Vice-chairperson. Betty McDaniel made a motion to accept nominee. Motion was supported by Charles Tripp. Motion passed by acclamation.

Brad chaired the remainder of the meeting

4) Approval of Agenda....

Cindy Thiele made a motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Add election of officers and move Rick Smith letter to first public comment. Motion was supported by Betty McDaniel. Motion passed by acclamation.

5) Public Comment...

Rick and Ruth Smith submitted a letter for the City Council and the Planning Commission. He stated some concerns about Minor vs Major Home Occupation. He would like to use his home for Cottage Law bakery/kitchen to bake bread or cake or cookies.

6) Approval of minutes from November 18, 2013...

Stacie Gratz made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Cindy Thiele. Motion passed by acclamation.

7) New Business

Proposed text amendments Administration Art XVIII

Patrick presented proposed text for review; added more content to Minor and/or Major Site Plan change; changed all references to Building Official to Zoning Administrator; rearranging storm water provision to own section; remove City Council approval for site plans not including special use permits or PUD; moving nonconforming to another section; reorganizing the whole Article; text to not allow SLU or PUD to apply for variance. Next month: Article XVII, floodplain, and whole summary of changes. Chart of Uses in districts showing some problem properties that the current uses or zoning are creating some difficult.

8) Old Business

A. Joint meeting with Allegan Township...

Meeting will be March 10th at the Allegan Township Hall.

B. Goals.....discussion

2014/2015 goals discussed; Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance Amendments,

RRC, Joint meeting with Twp, Joint meeting with Parks commission, review of fees

9) Communications/Correspondence-none

10) Education – none

11) Public Comment – Rob Hillard stated there are several vacancies on PC; get the word out.

12) Commission Comment- none

13) Future meeting dates.....next regular scheduled meeting February 17, 2014.

14) Adjournment

Cindy Thiele made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Stacie Gratz. Motion passed by acclamation.

-8:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tasha Smalley

Zoning Administrator