

**City of Allegan
Planning Commission Meeting
April 20, 2015
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 Brad Burke.

2) Attendance

Present: Charles Tripp, Brad Burke, Deb Leverage, Cindy Thiele, Peter Savage

Absent: Sally Sturgis, Stacie Gratz, Thomas Morton, Cindy Manning

Others Present: Tasha Smalley (ZA), Andy Moore (Williams and Works)

3) Approval of minutes from February 16, 2015

Cindy Thiele made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with correction: Steve Tibbitts was spelled incorrectly; correct all name reference. Motion was supported by Charles Tripp. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda amendment – Move Old Business to first order of business and move sign discussion to second order of business.

4) Public Hearing – none

5) old Business –

A. Master Plan update, open house comments

Andy prepared a memo stating the information collected at the open house on March 12, 2015. Allegan Township was not at this meeting. Andy went over just the City information. *Station 2* Master Plan Implementation – participants were to indicate whether or not current action items in MP were still relevant. The 6 stated areas were marked high for relevance; amend zoning to reflect MP, home ownership and rehab, preserve HD, inventory key natural features, strengthen Allegan identity, improve non-motorized network. Added items; truck traffic, better access to Jaycee park (boating/kayak), green space old jail, senior housing, river corridor, m-89 corridor, “girl scout area” –these were marked high for relevance. *Station 3* Penny jars – were taxpaying want to invest their money; attract downtown dev was highest, develop non-motorized trail network, create jobs; lowest was acquire recreational land. *Station 4* Funding and regulation; should City change how local resources are allocated toward MP implementation – majority said no change needed. *Station 5* – non-motorized transportation – Andy created a map indicating the areas the participants wanted trails. *Station 6* – Traffic congestion – Andy created a map indicating the areas participated thought traffic was bad and pedestrian safety. *Station 7* – Redevelopment – Andy created a map indicting areas of the city participants desire redevelopment or beautification. *Station 8* – Water resources – general concern with water quality, should be more access to water, should acquire waterfront properties for recreational use, support more regulation to protect water, strong concern with water quality. Need to go over Chapters 9, 10, 11. Andy will incorporate the information from Open House and present at next meeting. Also, the Future Land Use Map will need to be looked at for any changes or to stay the same.

B. 2015/2016 Goals ... no discussion

6) new Business

A. Sign Ordinance discussion

Tasha Smalley, Zoning Administrator discussed 23.7 C. C-1 zoning district wall sign regulation. Looking for reassurance that the current text is what the PC adopted. The size regulations went from 100 sq ft to 35 sq ft. Deb Leverage stated she looked at the signs downtown and none of them appear to be any bigger than 35 sq ft. With the building being so close, most are connected to next building, larger signs are not needed. The traffic is slower, so larger signs are not needed. The consensus of the PC was the current ordinance is the way they

remember adopting. C-1 has different size requirement than the other commercial districts. The maximum size stated is correct. No formal motion was needed, informational purposes only.

7) Communications/Correspondence- none

8) Education – mi place – placemaking strategy workshops, several dates to choose from

9) Public Comment – none

10) Commission Comment- none

11) Future meeting dates.....next regular scheduled meeting May 18, 2015

12) Adjournment

-7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tasha Smalley

Zoning Administrator