

**City of Marine City  
Planning Commission Meeting  
April 13, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, April 13, 2015, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Vice Chairperson Rudy Menchaca at 7:00 pm.

After observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairperson Menchaca.

**Present: Commissioners Gabler, Jenken, McKenzie, Menchaca, Skwiers; City Commissioner Simpson; Acting City Manager Tillery, and, City Clerk Baxter**

**Absent: Chairperson Lepley**

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by City Commissioner Simpson, to excuse Chairperson Lepley from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Skwiers, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion Commissioner Skwiers, seconded by Commissioner Jenken, to approve the March 9, 2015 Minutes of the Planning Commission, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Communications**

No Communications were presented.

## **Public Comment**

Raymond Skotarczyk, 771 S. Water Street, addressed the Board with concerns over the fence permit granted for 2025 S. River Road. Mr. Skotarczyk said that fences should not be allowed to go in front of waterfront houses as they are a determinant to the recreational value. In addition, Mr. Skotarczyk said many fences detract from neighborhoods and suggested decorative fences be looked at. He said the Planning Commission should take a long, hard look at the ordinance.

## **Unfinished Business**

### ***Non-Motorized Transportation Plan & Trail Town***

City Commissioner Simpson explained how the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Trail Towns relate to one another. He said, at the last meeting, the Board decided to start developing a plan to look at points of interest, deficiencies, waterways and other ways of connecting to other municipalities. Mr. Simpson asked each Board member to develop a list of items they would like to be explored so they may start their discussions at future meetings.

## **New Business**

### ***Fence Ordinance ~ Review***

Acting City Manager Tillery said that a recent incident had caused the city to take a hard look at the fence ordinance. He said that although it was clear and enforceable, it may not be what the Commission wants, as they may want to go in a direction that preserves waterfront properties free of fence obstructions.

Clay Township's fence ordinance was reviewed and discussed with Board members agreeing that it was a good, updated ordinance. Several suggestions were made to modify it to meet the needs of the community. Board members were asked to review the ordinance at home and bring back what components, as a Commission, they would like to include in the ordinance.

### ***City Manager Comments***

Acting City Manager Tillery announced that former Planning Commissioner, Lawrence Longeway, had recently passed away. Mr. Longeway was acknowledged and thanked for his many years of service to the city and community.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Skwiers, to adjourn at 7:44 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter  
City Clerk