

**City of Marine City
Planning Commission Meeting
May 8, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 8, 2017, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Chairperson Moran at 7:00 pm.

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

Present: Chairperson Joseph Moran; Commissioners William Beutell, Linda Gabler, Keith Jenken, Rudolofo Menchaca; City Commissioner David Simpson; Deputy Clerk Elizabeth McDonald

Absent: Commissioner Graham Allan; Building Official Susan Wilburn; City Manager Elaine Leven

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

Communications

No Communications were received.

Public Comment

Georgia Phelan, commended the City on the good review of the City website by the newspaper. She also inquired on the status of Safe Routes to School as well as offered her assistance on the project.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Menchaca, to approve the April 10, 2017 meeting minutes of the Planning Commission, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Master Plan Project

Drafts of the Initial Sections of the Recreation Plan: Community Description, Administrative Structure, and Recreation Inventory were distributed for review by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Beutell noted that the **Recreation Staff on Page 76 of the Administrative Structure** needed to be updated.

City Commissioner Simpson suggested that the three staff positions be replaced with the following statement; In addition to the Recreation Director, which is a part-time position, the Recreation Director employs part-time staff and volunteers on a program to program basis.

City Commissioner Simpson mentioned that he would like to see more detailed information regarding the expenditures in **Table 7-1: Marine City Recreation Expenditures, 2013 – 2017 on Page 77**. He recommended that a breakdown to show where the funds came from be included with those figures, which would indicate grant funds as well as City funds. He also noted that he would like to see **Table 7-2: Marine City Projected Recreation Expenditures, 2018 – 2022 on Page 77** removed as he does not believe it provided useful and accurate information.

The Board then agreed that in addition to the more detailed funding information to be included with **Table 7-1**, that **2018** should be the only year with an expenditure projection.

Chairperson Moran stated that the **City-Owned Recreation Facilities on Page 86** needed to be corrected as the City does not own and operate a community center along the St. Clair River. This also needed to be corrected on **Page 88** where it mentions the Guy Center specifically, as well as the words “community center”.

City Commissioner Simpson commented that the following changes should be made to **City-Owned Recreation Facilities, Table 5-3: Marine City Parks and Recreation Facilities on Page 86:**

- Under the Amenities column for Lighthouse Park, change from Peche Island Lighthouse to Peche Island Rear Range Lighthouse.
- Under the Amenities column for Drake Park, add the Amphitheatre as an amenity.
- Under Park column add Watchman Park with freighter watching, fishing access, and public art as amenities.
- Under Park column add the Pavilion and its subsequent amenities.

Commissioner Beutell suggested that it be confirmed whether the Knights of Columbus still own and operate a hall and outdoor picnic grounds on the east side of King Road, just south of Marine City High School, as stated in **Other Recreational Facilities in Marine City on Page 88.**

City Commissioner Simpson noted that **Marine City Recreation Programming** needed to be updated on **Page 88**, with the removal of the Life Guard Course as it was not offered anymore.

The Board then discussed the marina in town and future possibilities of other marinas within the City.

New Business

Downtown Parking

Commissioner Jenken wanted to discuss the parking issue in the downtown area and questioned whether there were any parking ordinances.

City Commissioner Simpson stated that the City could not require businesses to provide parking per the current ordinances, as this was a City problem, not a business owner problem.

The Board discussed this topic at length with the ideas of striping and conducting a parking study being possible solutions.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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