

**City of Marine City  
Planning Commission Meeting  
May 13, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 13, 2019, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Chairperson Moran at 7:00pm.

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

**Present:** Chairperson Joseph Moran; Commissioners Graham Allan (arrived 7:21pm), Trent Attebury, William Beutell, Brian Ross; City Commissioner William Klaassen; City Manager Elaine Leven; Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Desmarais

**Absent:** Commissioner Keith Jenken; Building Official Susan Wilburn

**Communications**

None.

**Public Comment**

No residents addressed the Board.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by City Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Attebury, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to approve the April 8, 2019 meeting minutes of the Planning Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

### ***Review of St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission Training***

Chairperson Moran discussed the following:

- The training covered the following two subjects: Redevelopment Ready Communities and Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals procedures and rules.
- The Planning Commission was meant to serve both the individuals that came before the Board and the community itself.
- The Board needed to uphold the Ordinances that were in place as written.

He asked the Board members that had attended the training to summarize what they had learned.

Commissioner Attebury stated the following:

- If an applicant came before the Planning Commission with a Site Plan Review and all criteria were met, the application must be approved.
- Rear parking could be a promoted solution for any parking issues within a community.
- It was suggested that potential business types be explicitly listed as approved uses in the Zoning Ordinances.
- It was proposed that the City could request businesses to contribute to the beautification of the City by asking them to choose a streetscape element to install.

Commissioner Ross spoke about the following:

- Water Trails of St. Clair County provided a grant for the purchase of a kayak launch.
- The City could request a survey be completed by Site Plan Review applicants to receive feedback after going before the Board.

City Manager Leven responded to the Board members training feedback with the following:

- The City could look into payment in lieu of parking in the future.
- The grant available for a kayak launch required the launch to be ADA accessible, which increased the cost of the project.

- The City was still waiting for its review in regard to the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

### ***Tourism Life Cycle Webinar ~ Discussion***

Chairperson Moran said that the Tourism Life Cycle webinar was presented by Michigan State University and was part of the First Impressions Tourism (FIT) Program. He stated that the next webinar was scheduled for May 21, 2019 from 12:00-1:30pm, with a follow-up webinar on the Tourism Area Life Cycle (TALC) on October 24, 2019 and November 6, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Allan, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to adjourn at 7:52 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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