

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Planning Commission**  
**September 13, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Lee called the Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for September 13, 2023, to order at 4:33 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Logan Bailey, Mike Donaldson, Tim Lee, and Judy Swartz.  
Absent: Commissioners Ryan Gregory, Boomer Hoppough, and Keturah Kelley  
Also Present: City Manager Precia Garland, Assistant to the City Manager Jonathan Bowman, Planning Consultant Bradley Kotrba, DDA Director Linda Curtis, and Tim McAllister from the *Daily News*.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Lee introduced the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes. No changes were requested. It was moved by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the regular meeting of August 9, 2023, were reviewed. It was moved by Donaldson, seconded by Swartz to approve the minutes from August 9. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Parks and Recreation Plan: Community Input Survey Results

Consultant Kotrba presented the results of the community input survey to the Commission and discussed how the survey results will be incorporated into the Parks and Recreation Plan. The Commission discussed the results and provided feedback on what ideas should be highlighted in the plan.

It was moved by Donaldson and seconded by Bailey to schedule a Public Hearing on the Parks and Recreation Plan for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 4:30 PM at Ionia City Hall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Residential Zoning Districts

Assistant to the City Manager Bowman introduced drafted language for Low-Density, Medium-Density, and High-Density Residential Districts to the Commission. The Planning Commission asked questions on the minimum zoning requirements and commented on how the proposed changes would impact neighborhoods. The need for residential options and current residential vacancy rates in areas such as the downtown were discussed. Staff noted that a draft ordinance will be presented in the coming months.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Donaldson and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Precia Garland, Recording Secretary,  
for Judy Swartz, Secretary