

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Planning Commission**  
**March 9, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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- CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for March 9, 2016 was called to order by Chairperson Chris Young at 4:30 PM.
- ROLL CALL Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Mark Jennings, Gordon Kelley, Tim Lee, Evonne Ulmer and Chris Young present. Commissioner Boomer Hoppough was excused.
- City Manager Jason Eppler and Planning Consultant Tim Johnson were also present. Resident Olivia Lee was also present.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Young reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Ulmer, seconded by Commissioner Cook to approve the agenda for the March 9, 2016 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the February 10, 2016 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ulmer to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS None.
- OLD BUSINESS Sign Ordinance – Recent United States Supreme Court Decision: Planning Consultant Tim Johnson reviewed with the Commission his Memorandum dated March 9, 2016 regarding options for updating the City’s sign ordinance considering the Supreme Court decision in Reed v Gilbert. Mr. Johnson’s Memorandum focused specifically on temporary/portable signs and options for these signs in the residential zoning districts in the City. A lengthy discussion was held by the Commission with some consensus regarding sign size, sign placement duration, sign placement locations, etc. The Commission will continue discussing options for updates to the sign ordinance at its April meeting.

Zoning Ordinance – “Little Houses”/Minimum Square Footage for Dwellings: Commissioner Kelley shared with the Commission information that he has collected regarding “little houses”. A discussion was held regarding minimum square footage requirements contained in the Zoning Ordinance versus requirements contained in the Building Code. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS                      None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The City Manager provided an update regarding Cann Financial v. City of Ionia concerning 410 Swartz Court.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Ulmer, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler  
City Manager  
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary