

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
June 14, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER** The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for June 14, 2017 was called to order by Chairperson Tim Lee at 4:30 PM.
- ROLL CALL** Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Boomer Hoppough, Mark Jennings, Tim Lee, Judy Swartz and Chris Young present. Commissioner Gordon Kelley was excused.
- City Manager Jason Eppler was also present. Public present included Mark Purkey.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Chairperson Lee reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Hoppough, to approve the agenda for the June 14, 2017 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC HEARING** Chairperson Lee opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on a request submitted by Mark Purkey on behalf of property owner Mark Purkey, LLC, that the properties located at 471 North State Street, 475 North State Street and 703 West Lincoln Avenue be rezoned from R-1 One Family Residential District to B-3 General Business District.
- The City Manager reported that he had received a letter from Dave and Marline Cook, 465 North State Street, regarding the request. Copies were distributed to the Commissioners for review.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None.
- OLD BUSINESS** None.
- NEW BUSINESS** Request from Mark Purkey, LLC, - Rezoning of 471 North State Street, 475 North State Street and 703 West Lincoln Avenue – R-1 to B-3: The City Manager reviewed with the Commission Mr. Purkey’s request and the Memorandum dated June 6, 2017 and prepared by the City’s Planning

Consultant, Jan Johnson regarding the request. Commissioners discussed Ms. Johnson's findings and analysis of the request. Commissioners asked Mr. Purkey several questions regarding the operations of his business at 703 West Lincoln Avenue.

The Commission also discussed the letter received from the Cooks (465 North State Street) determining that the suggestions/concerns that they offered are applicable to site plan review should Mr. Purkey's rezoning request be approved and he proceeds with his plans for constructing a parking lot on 471 and 475 North State Street.

After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Cook to recommend to the City Council that the application for rezoning submitted by Mr. Purkey requesting that 703 West Lincoln Avenue and 471 and 475 North State Street be rezoned from R-1 One Family Residential to B-3 General Business District be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

The City Manager advised that the request will be placed before the City Council for consideration at its July 11th meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Commissioners welcomed Judy Swartz to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Young to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler
City Manager
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary