

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for November 8, 2017 was called to order by Chairperson Tim Lee at 4:30 PM.
- ROLL CALL Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Mark Jennings, Tim Lee, and Chris Young present. Commissioners Boomer Hoppough, Gordon Kelley and Judy Swartz were excused.
- Public present included Janis Johnson, Main Street Planning Company, Linda Curtis, DDA Director and City Manager Jason Eppler.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Lee reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Jennings , to approve the agenda for the November 8, 2017 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Jennings, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS Linda Curtis, DDA Director, provided a power point containing the results of the Wayfinding Sign Plan development undertaken by a committee consisting of DDA Board and Planning Commission members. She welcomed feedback from the Commission which she said would be shared by the DDA Board as they discuss design options for the new directional signs.
- OLD BUSINESS Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act: The City Manager reviewed with the Commission an outline that was developed by a committee consisting of him and Commissioners Lee and Swartz. He stated that the committee would be meeting again later this month to continue to work towards developing a draft ordinance for the Commission to discuss.
- NEW BUSINESS Master Plan Update: The City's Planning Consultant, Janis Johnson, Main Street Planning Company, was present to

discuss with the Commission the next steps in updating the City's Master Land Use Plan. She stated that the City Manager, as required by statute, recently sent the "intent to plan" letters to the four neighboring townships, the county and the regional planning commission. She further stated that her goal for this evening's meeting was to develop and refine a list of questions that the Commission would like to ask residents regarding land use and development issues/concerns in the community. As with the last update, additional questions regarding parks and recreation programming will also be asked. These questions will be developed by the Parks and Recreation Commission as they work to develop an updated 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for the City.

Commissioners shared their thoughts regarding questions, some new, some previously used. Mrs. Johnson stated that she would like to have the survey, which will be asked via a Survey Monkey on-line platform, ready to go shortly after the New Year.

2018 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule: It was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the following meeting schedule for the Planning Commission for 2018 (meetings to continue to begin at 4:30 PM and be held at City Hall):

January 10, 2018	July 11, 2018
February 14, 2018	August 8, 2018
March 14, 2018	September 12, 2018
April 11, 2018	October 10, 2018
May 9, 2018	November 14, 2018
June 13, 2018	December 12, 2018

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Commissioner Jennings, seconded by Commissioner Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler, City Manager/Recording Secretary
for Dave Cook, Secretary