

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
January 10, 2018
Annual Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Annual Meeting

The City Manager called the Annual Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission to order at 4:33 PM. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary for 2018.

Chairperson: It was moved by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to select Commissioner Lee as Chairperson for 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice-Chairperson. It was moved by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to select Commissioner Hoppough as Vice-Chairperson for 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary. It was moved by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to select Commissioner Cook as Secretary for 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jennings, seconded by Commissioner Hoppough, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

CALL TO ORDER Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for January 10, 2018 was called to order by Chairperson Tim Lee at 4:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Boomer Hoppough, Mark Jennings, Tim Lee, and Judy Swartz present. Commissioners Gordon Kelley and Chris Young were excused.

City Manager Jason Eppler, DDA Director Linda Curtis and Planning Consultant Jan Johnson were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Lee reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the agenda for the January 10, 2018 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

OLD BUSINESS Master Plan/Recreation Plan Update: Planning Consultant Johnson reviewed with the Commission the proposed on-line land use survey that the Commission plans to utilize as part of updating the Master Plan. Commissioners offered several question revisions for the purposes of clarification and brevity. A final review of the questions for the survey will be reviewed by the Commission before the survey goes live. Additionally, the Parks Commission and DDA Board of Directors are both developing questions for the survey in regards to their particular areas of interest.

Mrs. Johnson also distributed and reviewed with the Commission updated census data regarding community population, employment, income level and housing values. She also discussed with the Commission the next steps in updating the goals and action plan section of the current Master Plan. This will be an item for review at the February meeting.

Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act: The City Manager provided an update regarding the City Council's discussions concerning an "opt in" ordinance. He stated that the Council would like the Commission to continue its research and work in drafting a proposed opt-in ordinance permitting, at a minimum, ordinance language that permits grow operations in certain zoning districts in the City.

NEW BUSINESS None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Commissioner Hoppough asked for an update regarding remediation efforts at the former City landfill on Cleveland Street. The City Manager reported that efforts are progressing in moving toward delisting the site from the US EPA Superfund listing.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler
City Manager
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary