

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
November 9, 2011
Regular Meeting Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER** The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for November 9, 2011 was called to order by Chairman Mark Jennings at 4:00 PM.
- ROLL CALL** Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Mark Jennings, Gordon Kelley, Evonne Ulmer and Chris Young present.
- Commissioners Boomer Hoppough and Ted Paton were excused.
- Those also in attendance included City Manager Jason Eppler and Planning Consultant Tim Johnson.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Chairman Jennings reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Kelley to approve the agenda for the November 9, 2011 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Commission reviewed the minutes of the October 12, 2011 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ulmer to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 Commission meeting as amended. MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None.
- OLD BUSINESS** Master Plan Update: Planning Consultant Tim Johnson reported that the City received 197 responses to the master plan/recreation plan survey. He reported that 172 of these responses were on-line and 25 were paper responses. He distributed a tabulation of the responses for discussion. He stated that the Parks Plan Update Advisory Committee would be reviewing the results at its meeting on November 10, 2011. Mr. Johnson stated that the next step in the update process is to conduct the mobile workshops. The survey responses will serve as the basis for developing the questions to be used as part of the mobile workshops. Workshops have been scheduled with the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, Ionia Rotary Club, Ionia Public Schools Senior Luncheon and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Once the mobile workshops have been completed Mr. Johnson will

contact a half-dozen or so stakeholders in the community to conduct stakeholder interviews.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Meeting Schedule: The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the proposed 2012 meeting schedule. The proposed schedule calls for the Commission to continue to meet the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM at City Hall.

After review of the schedule, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ulmer to approve the following meeting schedule for 2012:

January 11, 2012	July 11, 2012
February 8, 2012	August 8, 2012
March 14, 2012	September 12, 2012
April 11, 2012	October 10, 2012
May 9, 2012	November 14, 2012
June 13, 2012	December 12, 2012

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Young requested that the City Manager encourage MDOT staff to add a green arrow sign for the turning lane from westbound M-21 to southbound M-66. The City Manager said that he has received other similar requests and has conveyed the request to MDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Young to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Eppler
City Manager/Recording Secretary
for
Boomer Hoppough, Secretary