

**Minutes of City of Newaygo Planning Commission  
May 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Chambers.

Present: Chambers, Williams, Westcott, Wight, Black, Fetterley and Day. Also present City Manager Schneider.

Absent: Kroll and Faulkner.

Motion by Black, second by Williams to excuse the absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Westcott, second by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Public Comments: None

Motion by Williams, second by Wight to approve the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes as written. AIF/MC

Site Plan Review – Velma Matson Upper Elementary School.

Driesenga & Associates, Inc. gave a presentation on the planned exterior traffic layout, separating auto and bus traffic. Buses will have a pickup/drop-off area along existing, widened Post Street. Underground storm water storage system to allow gradual discharge of storm water and not over-charge the existing storm water drainage system on Main Street. All of the older portion of the building will be demolished due to structural deterioration. A new architecturally similar facade will face the downtown area. Existing city utilities under existing Park Street will remain, possibly up-graded, with City easement access. Eventually the Vera Wilsie building at Stake and Main Streets, will eventually be demolished and the property maintained as a playground/park.

Motion by Wight, second by Williams to approve the site plan with the following contingencies:

- a) That portions of Park Street (between Post and Main) and Main Street (from west edge of Park St ROW to west edge of Clay Street ROW) are vacated by the City as proposed, and
- b) Easements are provided for City to maintain/repair and service water and sewer utilities within the section of Park Street proposed to be vacated.

AIF/MC

Wight left the meeting.

The members discussed “Redevelopment Ready Communities” and ramifications for future development and funding for the City. Discussed the need to invoke the Master Plan process and possible collaboration with Townships for planning; not necessarily joint planning commission though. No action taken.

The members discussed the possibility of a community survey for ideas and wants/not wants of the citizens. May be good to do as part of Master Plan process. No action taken.

Noted a Special Council Meeting on May 22, 2017 at Loomis Lodge regarding the Michigan Medical Marijuana Law, Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Law, Natural Wellness and the Wholesale Medical Cannabis Business. For information and invitation to attend, no action taken.

Public comments: None

Motion by Williams, second by Black to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. AIF/MC

Respectfully submitted,

C. Douglas Day, Secretary