

Planning Commission Minutes
August 29, 2011

Meeting called to order by Ruthann Northon, at 5:30pm

Present:

Eric Schmidt
Becky Tea
Charlie Walter
Zack Szakacs
Casey Keysor
Ruthann Northon
Jeff Storch

Absent:

BJ Foster
Mike Swales

Guest:

Dave Bee - Director of West Michigan Regional Planning Commission

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Monthly Planning Commission Meeting:

Old Business:

Dave Bee and the Planning Commission discussed the Master Land Use Plan chapter by chapter. Mr. Bee was seeking input from the members as to what they would like to see in the New Master Land Use Plan and what should be removed from the plan to make it more user friendly.

The brainstorming of the members presented Mr. Bee with some guidelines/parameters that would be used by the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission to create and submit proposed cost to the City of Evart for their services.

New Business:

Signs: Eric Schmidt added signs to new business.

Mr. Schmidt discussed and wanted to know if it was possible for a business to hang signs over the sidewalks in the downtown area.

The Planning Commission discussed the Sign Zoning Ordinance, agreed that if a local business wanted to install a hanging sign, the Commission would look at it case by case, which may require variances.

Zoning Application and Permit:

Dave Beebe submitted a Zoning Permit to build/install a new front porch.

Motion made by Northon – seconded by Keysor

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Medical Marijuana:

The Planning Commission discussed the City of Evarts current Moratorium on the issuance of any zoning, building or other license, permits for the sale of dispensing marijuana until November 17, 2011.

Medical Marijuana will be moved to Old Business.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30