

Minutes St Ignace Planning Commission 7/12/22 7 pm City Hall and Zoom

(1) Call to Order at 7:40PM

(2) Roll Call -

Rick moves to excuse Mike, Betsy seconds. All in favor.

Rick moves to excuse Cindy, Betsy seconds. All in favor.

(3) Approval of Minutes

Jim moves to accept minutes, Betsy seconds. All in favor.

(4) Approval of Agenda

(5) Public Comments (limited to 2minutes per person) and Communications Concerning Items
Not on the Agenda

(6) Scheduled Public Hearings Public Hearing beginning at 7PM

- proposed changes to chapter 38, article IV Supplementary Regulations - camping. There are 2 separate questions, we will vote on them separately:
- Brian Olsen: 5 contractors have asked to put a camper on their site. AirBNB has created a shortage of places to stay while building. Would like to see builders ready to build rather than delayed by year or more. Must have a shovel ready start date before the camper arrives.

1. Add this exemption:

The use of one recreational vehicle or temporary dwelling may be permitted by the building inspector after issuance of a building permit, and shall be permitted only during active, on- going construction of a dwelling. Construction planned for the future but not yet permitted shall not be considered as a reason for exemption. Such a permit for temporary exemption shall be issued after the proposed temporary shelter has been inspected by the building inspector, to insure adequate health and safety standards have been met.

2. and change the duration of guest staying (with permission) on residential property to 30 days with a total of 60 days per calendar year (currently 14 and 30)
3. As temporary quarters during the active, permitted construction and installation of a dwelling conforming to this ordinance when the conditions are met:

Suggestion that the primary resident be the property owner.

Public question: what if a guest is invited to stay during building?

4. Add only one temporary dwelling per parcel and property owner must

Betsy motions to end public hearing, Rick moves, Cindy seconds. All in favor.

Betsy moves to accept changes and propose to Council at next meeting, Jim seconds.

(7) Unfinished Business

Redevelopment Ready Community Progress- Still trying to get funding for zoning (“no” from the county commission) Requests for proposals are going out- to Beckett-Raider and Wade Trim, plus one other professional planning group.

Parking- map, upcoming meeting Thursday 7/14/2022 at 10am at the meeting - AFTER WHICH we will discuss parking at marina during Farmer’s Market- it is a vibrant event every week- would paid parking dampen the enthusiasm? As we explore ideas, if we were to make paid parking in some parts of the city, we could make “exempt time” for events like that- discuss pros and cons, but after we meet with Tom Neff.

PC would like to see the lot across from LBE become paid parking.

August outreach: I asked Morgan to tell me if LBE is available (and free)- nothing back as of 7/8, but may have information by 7/12.

sessions;

- beautification-Connie

- housing-Betsy

- parking- Rachel

DDA, new peddlers ordinance will go into affect on July 15.

DDA meeting comments: who will enforce the ordinance? City Government will enforce.

PC suggests a welcome toolkit to direct new residents to online ordinances and any other pertinent information.

(7) New Business

(8) Other Matters to be Reviewed by the Commission

Mackinac City event to connect with other board or commission members on July 27th 3:30-5pm in Conklin Park.

(9) Administrative Items

Training attended Betsy: Stormwater Management at the Rural/Urban Interface, 6:30-7:30pm, Thursday, June 16. MSU extension and Comments- causes of storm drain and culvert failure, methods to reabsorb water before it becomes runoff, both on rural agricultural land and in township/city settings with paved streets. Rain gardens may sound like “cute little projects” but they can absorb a lot of water before it becomes damaging and scours the land (e.g., bottom of Truckee Street after a hard rain- the gullies). These are way less expensive than expanding the stormwater system to accommodate all the additional runoff that is coming- we can predict more rainfall and more concentrated rainfall in our near and far future, due to storms caused by climate change. Alternate systems of water management can not replace storm drain updates, but they can help to mitigate the damage caused by all the additional rainwater.

Cindy attended MML Zoom meeting June 27th regarding STR legislation in Michigan.

Suggested that PC review the Public Participation suggestions.

Betsy would like to send a letter to the ZBA regarding the request of additional STR licenses per owner. Jim moves to accept, Rick seconds, all in favor.

(10) Next meeting - August 9th

12) Public Comments limited to 2 minutes per person

Has the city ever assessed the amount of Ferry Patrons using public parking rather than the Ferry paid parking? Chalk marking would be able to determine overnight parking.

(13) Adjournment - 8:48pm