

**CITY OF LAPEER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 16, 2017**

A regular meeting of the City of Lapeer Planning Commission was held in the Commission Chambers of Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Joe Black, Vice Chairperson Jennell RaCosta, Commissioner Bill Sprague, Commissioner Dale Kerbyson, Commissioner Ed Jamison, Commissioner Dave Sommerville, Commissioner Anne Shenck and Commissioner Austin Kelly.

Members Absent: Commissioner Catherine Bostick-Tullius.

Also Present: Mr. Scott Kree, Rowe Professional Services Company Planning Consultant.

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Kerbyson and supported by Commissioner Sprague to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2017 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chairman Black welcomed new commissioner Austin Kelly to his first meeting stating his interest in serving on the board is appreciated.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

TNT Fireworks – 1555 DeMille (Meijer) – Tent Size Increase to 30 ft. by 45 ft.

Mr. Kree reviewed the request from TNT fireworks to modify their existing Special Land Use approved in 2015 in order to increase their tent size from 30 ft. by 30 ft. to 30 ft. by 45 ft. and continue to sell State approved fireworks at the Meijer store parking lot located at 1555 DeMille Road. Mr. Kree stated the property is zoned B-3 Regional Business, that this year's proposed sale dates are June 22nd through July 5th, that overnight security will be provided and that the use is categorized as an Other Temporary Use. Mr. Kree recommended reviewing the use administratively on an annual basis and reported the use and expanded tent size will not affect the parking requirements for the site, that the Fire Department will inspect the tent annually and presented an aerial photo of the existing tent and proposed tent size increase.

Chairman Black opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Mr. Chuck Friese, of TNT Fireworks, was present and stated the extra space will occupy approximately 4 parking spaces and will give customers more room to move around in the tent.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Sprague and supported by Commissioner RaCosta to approve the request from TNT Fireworks to modify their existing Special Land Use in order to increase the tent size from 30 ft. by 30 ft. to 30 ft. by 45 ft. and continue to sell State approved fireworks at the Meijer store parking lot located at 1555 DeMille Road from June 22nd through July 5th contingent upon the operation not changing in any way from this submission and allowing an administrative review on an annual basis.
MOTION CARRIED.

Interstate Corridor Sign Ordinance – Amendment to Article 7.17 Signs

Mr. Kree reviewed the proposed language of a text amendment to the City's Sign Ordinance Article 7.17 to allow signage along the I-69 corridor including changes made to the sign location requirements. Mr. Kree stated the Michigan Dept. of Transportation has reviewed the ordinance language with no changes and presented examples of sign designs which would be permitted by the ordinance for both single and multi-tenant developments.

Discussion was held regarding sign placement and distance requirements.

Chairman Black opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Discussion was held regarding the 300 foot distance requirements from neighboring property lines, the permitted monument style signs and the fact no signage is currently allowed along I-69 in the City of Lapeer.

It was moved by Commissioner Sommerville and supported by Commissioner Shenck to recommend the City Commission approve the Interstate Corridor Sign Ordinance text amendment language as proposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Chapter 66 – DAS/Small Cell/Wireless Facilities in Public Right-of-Ways

Mr. Kree updated the commission on the new ordinance being considered by the City Commission at the request of the Department of Public Works Director to regulate DAS/Small Cell/Wireless Facilities in City right-of-ways. Mr. Kree presented a design rendering of the facilities proposed consisting of 80 ft. to 100 ft. metal poles, proposed pole locations and reported the City has joined the Grand Valley Metro Council's Tower Consortium for assistance and guidance in development of the ordinance to regulate and control the proposed facilities.

Discussion was held regarding interference concerns, the purpose of the facilities and the need to limit the number of facilities in the City limits.

April Meeting Date Change

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Kerbyson and supported by Commissioner Sprague to change the regular April Planning Commission meeting date to April 20th. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Capital Improvement Program Meeting Date

It was moved by Commissioner Sprague and supported by Commissioner Shenck to review and consider approval of the 2017-2023 Capital Improvement Program at the April 20th meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kerbyson to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Anne Shenck
Secretary