

**MINUTES  
MARSHALL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2015**

In a regular meeting session, Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. at City Hall, Training Room, 323 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI, the Marshall Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Davis.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Davis, Banfield, Burke-Smith, Collins, Meservey, Rodgers, and Council Liaison Miller

Members Absent: Commissioners Mankerian, McNiff, and Zuck.

Staff Present: Natalie Dean, Director of Community Services

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Banfield, supported by Burke-Smith, to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2015 regular meeting as presented. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

**AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Collins, supported by Burke-Smith, to accept the agenda for the August 12, 2015 regular meeting as presented. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss and consider approval of site plan #SP15.04 for County Storage Building at 318 S. Grand Street.

**MOTION** by Banfield, supported by Meservey, to discuss and consider approval of site plan #SP15.04 for County Storage Building at 318 S. Grand Street, contingent upon approval by City Council on rezoning the lot to Public/Semi-Public.

Liaison Miller inquired as to whether the county has made progress in removing disabled vehicles in the parking lot.

Richard Lindsay, Calhoun County representative, confirmed that the vehicles will be removed and sent to auction.

Staff explained that due to the nature of the project being a storage building, the landscaping requirement was waived. The current landscaping has been found to be adequate in regards to screening. Calhoun County acquired the services of a professional landscaping architect and it was determined that the maturity and health of the existing trees were sufficient.

On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discuss and consider approval of site plan #SP15.06 for additions and additional parking at Marshall Excelsior, 1506 George Brown Drive.

**MOTION** by Burke-Smith, supported by Collins, to discuss and consider approval of site plan #SP15.06 for additions and additional parking at Marshall Excelsior, 1506 George Brown Drive.

**MOTION** by Burke-smith, supported by Meservey, to recuse Commissioner Banfield due to conflict of interest. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**MOTION** by Meservey, supported by Rodgers, to allow Commissioner Banfield to return. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **REPORTS**

Liaison Miller discussed recent damages to the Dreamer's Furniture building at 112 N. Eagle St. Staff noted that the owner of the building is currently working with the insurance company and intends to rehabilitate the building.

Meservey reported the Farmer's Market is averaging over 1,000 visitors each weekend. They will be holding a Recognition day on August 16<sup>th</sup> in honor of sponsors and volunteers of the Farmer's Market.

Banfield discussed an issue with the designated smoking area on Oaklawn hospital's campus, which conflicts with Oaklawn's agreement that the campus would be smoke free.

Burke-Smith commented on the new pedestrian-friendly traffic crosses that were installed around the fountain and downtown on Michigan Ave.

Rogers reported that the Jam for the Cure event, held on August 8, 2015 at Stuart's Landing, was well-attended and raised over \$7,000. Rogers commented that he would like to see Stuart's Landing utilized for more events in the future.

Davis commented that the previously-owned State Farm property is up for auction. Commissioners discussed potential future uses for the property.

Staff reminded commissioners that there will be a community open house to introduce the new zoning ordinance on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5 PM with the regular Planning Commission meeting to follow immediately after.

## **ADJOURN**

The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Submitted by,

*Elizabeth Renaud*