

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
February 28, 2023

A meeting of the Luna Pier Planning Commission was held on February 28, 2023 at 11345 Harold Drive, Luna Pier, Michigan 48157.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Perry at 4:00 p.m., roll call, Pledge of Allegiance and a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Gramza, Megan Niner, Shawn Reid, Art Richardson, Frank Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Freddie Niedermeyer, Rick Stump

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Gardner, Mayor; Michael Demski, Building Official; Phil Goldsmith, City Attorney

A motion was made by Commissioner Niner, supported by Commissioner Reid to accept and dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 31, 2023.

Motion Carried

City Attorney Phil Goldsmith today was the day set for the continuation of the Public Hearing on the Special Land Use permit that was applied for by Joe Johnson – Dynamic Trucking, the former JR Whiting, Consumers property. I'm advising the Planning Commission today to take no further action on the Public Hearing at this time and to adjourn it without date. Reason is Joe Johnson and Dynamic Trucking have filed a lawsuit against the City of Luna Pier. In the lawsuit they are asking for a declaratory judgement on wording in the City of Luna Pier's Zoning Ordinance. He will be advising City Council to adopt a moratorium not to exceed 6 months. To amend the zoning ordinance and to clarify the zoning ordinance. Attorney David Landry will be representing the city on this lawsuit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Niner, supported by Commissioner Reid to follow the advice of the City Attorney Phil Goldsmith and adjourn with the Public Hearing without date. Republish the public hearing and notify Joe Johnson, Dynamic Trucking and the residents when the date has been set.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gramza, Niner, Reid, Richardson, Perry

Nays: None

Absent: Niedermeyer, Stump

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Plan

Short term rentals

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMUNITY INPUT:

Sharon King, 9th Street – smoke has affected her asthma, to wash a car is hard, power company gone now and we have clean water

Greg Jenkins, Locust – nothing comes good from a junk yard, it's a noise maker, thanked the Planning Commissioners

Amy Bissell, 15th Street – not against him doing his business its how he runs his business

Kelly Larrow, 6th Street – Thanked the Planning Commission members and City Attorney, increase penalties for falsifying information on an application and proceeding any work without a permit, operating at his current location without a permit, bought property on Victory Road in Erie

Neil Wakeman, 4th Street – Thanked the Planning Commission members and for everyone that has given their opinion, doesn't disagree with what is being said, what is being done now if it is better for him to moving to the Consumers property.

City Attorney Phil Goldsmith will give a full report at the next city council meeting.

PLANNING ACTION NEEDED: None

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT: Received and placed on file

COMMISSIONERS INPUT:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Commissioner Reid will wait until legal advice is given

Commissioner Niner thanked everyone for attending the meetings and we are listening to their comments

Commissioner Gramza appreciates everyone's comments

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Council: March 9th & 23rd at 7:00 pm – WT Park

Park & Rec.: March 14th at 7:00 pm – WT Park

FEP: March 21st at 7:00 pm – WT Park

Planning Commission: March 28th at 4:00 pm – WT Park

DDA: February 28th and March 28th at 6:30 pm – WT Park

MEETING AJOURNED:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gramza, supported by Commissioner Niner to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Motion Carried

DeAnn Parran
Recording Secretary

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