

MEETING MINUTES

ESSEXVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

For Its Regular Meeting of February 28, 2011

Chairperson, Mike Bergen called the Regular Meeting of the Essexville Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bergen, Brenay, Charron, and Kustuch

MEMBERS ABSENT: City Council Liaison John Connelly

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Doug Alexander and City Attorney Gerald Pergande

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to approve the agenda as written, offered by Brenay, supported by Charron; approved by unanimous vote.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting as written, offered by Brenay, supported by Charron; approved by unanimous vote.

3. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to provide for the use of marihuana for medical purposes as may be authorized by Michigan law -

Chairperson Bergen opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Alexander provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. The following citizens were in attendance.

Tom Bleau – 1102 Woodside

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Consideration of proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance to provide for the use of marihuana for medical purposes as may be permitted by Michigan law –

Motion by Kustuch, second by Charron

WHEREAS in accordance with the administrative procedures set forth in the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Essexville, the Planning Commission has at the request of the City Council created proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate the use of marihuana for medical purposes and,

WHEREAS a public hearing on said amendments to the Zoning Ordinance was held during a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on February 28, 2011 for the purpose of receiving public comment on said amendments

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that after its own study and after consideration of public comment on the matter, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council amend the Zoning Ordinance as set forth in the document entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE TO ADD PROVISIONS TO SEVERAL SECTIONS AND SUBSECTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MARIHUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY MICHIGAN LAW AND STATUTES”

Approved by unanimous vote.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers

Motion by Bergen, second by Kustuch

Resolved; the Planning Commission elects Michael Bergen as its Chairman, John Kustuch as its Vice-Chairman, and Kate Charron as its Secretary.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Review of proposed concept master plan for Smith Park

Discussion was held among the board regarding the draft of a concept for a master plan for the redevelopment of Smith Park.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn the regular meeting offered by Brenay, supported by Kustuch; approved by unanimous vote.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing minutes of the February 28, 2011 regular meeting of the Essexville Planning Commission are complete and accurate as approved by said Planning Commission as being so at its first meeting following the meeting held on the date set forth above.

*Kathryn Charron, Secretary
Essexville Planning Commission*