

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission held at 442 N. Grand Street, Schoolcraft, Michigan, was called to order by Chairperson Tim Brown at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Tim Brown, Commissioners Gunnett, Rozeboom, Pfof.
Absent: Harden, Vestal.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Arthur Bates, Josh Graber.

Commissioner Brown requested that the subject of Trees in the right of way be added under new business as item (c).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Rozeboom, seconded by Pfof, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2009 with the following correction: Page 3 Commissioner Brown Comments: Change #3 to engineering recommendations. All aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE ACTIVITIES:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Council held on November 2, 16, 2009, were reviewed for file.
- b) Commissioner Gunnett provided up update on South County Sewer & Water Authority activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Arthur Bates appeared before the Planning Commission to request site plan approve for Premier Mellon. Mr. Bates had the following comments:

- He stated that Mr. Bailey will pave the Fire Lane and additional parking area to the south to be completed by August 1, 2010.
- He stated that the applicant plans to eliminate the driveway to the loading docks, and plans to install a driveway to the parking area to the south.
- He stated that the applicant will install a sidewalk according to Village specifications.

Commissioner Brown had the following comments:

- He inquired about the storage of recreational vehicles, and expressed concern regarding contamination issues.

- He requested that AGS review any issues regarding storage of recreational vehicles as part of the construction and permitting process.

Commissioner Pfost asked if the Department of Agriculture was required to conduct an inspection for distribution of water melons.

Commissioner Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that a contractor would be responsible for installation of sidewalk according to Village specifications.
- He asked that AGS review recreational storage and its relation to combustible materials.

Motion by Rozeboom, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the site plan contingent on compliance of recommendations of AGS and Prein & Newhof and the stipulation that the site plan reflect the following requirements: The south driveway be relabeled as "Possible Future Driveway entrance subject to approval of the Village Engineer, and installation of sidewalk due to Village specifications. All aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Josh Graber appeared before the Planning Commission to present his qualifications for appointment to the Planning Commission stating the he is a 25 year resident of the Village, and he wants to give back to the community.

Commissioner Brown thanked Mr. Graber for his interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rozeboom, to recommend the appointment of Mr. Josh Graber to the Village Council to fill out the remainder of the term left by former Commissioner DeVries, and to appoint Mr. Graber for an additional three year term to expire in February, 2013. All aye.

- b) Discussion took place regarding temporary snow fences with the following comments:

- The Planning Commission will review language to prohibit temporary fences.
- The Planning Commission will review language to allow the Village Manager and/or her designee to enforce the Village's Zoning Ordinances.

- c) Commissioner Brown expressed his concern regarding the tree trimming program at AEP stating that three small trees in his right of way were marked for removal. He stated that the aesthetic value of mature trees supersedes the tree trimming program of AEP.

Commissioner Pfost stated that power outages are the cost of doing business for AEP.

Commissioner Gunnett stated that he does not like to see trees removed.

Commissioner Brown stated that he will be approaching the Village Council to request a policy to approve tree removal in the Village right of way by AEP.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. All aye.

Cheri M. Lutz, Recording Secretary

Tim Brown, Chairperson