

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 9, 2017**

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 Brown, Commissioners Schmitt, Gunnett, Rozeboom, Hendriksma, Doorn and Pfof.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Melissa Reiber and Cheri Lutz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Schmitt, seconded Pfof, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017, as presented. All aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Motion by Brown, seconded by Gunnett, to open the Public Hearing to hear public comments regarding the request of Ms. Melissa Reiber to approve a Special Use Permit to allow In-Home Daycare for property located in the RA Single Family District.

No Public Comments were heard.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rozeboom, to close the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. All aye.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rozeboom, to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit to allow In-Home Daycare for property located in the RA Single Family District to the Village Council. All aye.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE ACTIVITIES:

Minutes of the Village Council meetings from March 20, 2017 through May 15, 2017, were reviewed for file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Ms. Melissa Reiber of 457 Bernard Street appeared before the Planning Commission to request site plan approval for her In-Home Daycare for property located in the RA Single Family District.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Hendriksma, to approve the site plan request of Ms. Melissa Reiber as submitted. All aye.

b) Commissioner Brown called for comments regarding Schoolcraft's Plan for the Future. Planning Comments listed below:

Commissioner Brown had the following comments:

- He stated that he is in favor of the trailhead project.
- He stated that he is opposed to development on Cass Street rather than encouraging new development on Grand Street as a B-1 District.
- He stated that he is concerned about how businesses on Cass Street might affect the outlying neighborhood.
- He stated that investors would buy up houses on Cass Street with a business on the lower level, and apartment on the upper level.

Commissioner Rozeboom had the following comments:

- He feels the plan does exactly what is it supposed to do, and that the Cass Street development could slow traffic and encourage small unique shops to locate here.

Commissioner Hendriksma had the following comment:

- She stated that she likes the concept of the Cass Street development.
- She stated that Schoolcraft wants a walkable community, and that Grand Street is not conducive to walking because of traffic and sidewalks being too close to the road.

Commissioner Doorn had the following Comments:

- She stated that walking down Grand Street is not desirable.
- She stated that zoning ordinances will need to be changed to reflect the Cass Street conceptual project as well as other necessary changes.

Commissioner Gunnett had the following comment:

- He stated that the plan is a conceptual plan, and is a fluid document.

OTHER BUSINESS:

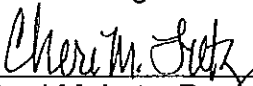
Commissioner Gunnett brought up the subject of allowing larger outbuildings and garages. He stated that this could help eliminate blight, and would increase our tax base. He asked that the ordinance should be reviewed at a later date.

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Commissioner Schmitt stated that he would like to see what other communities allow, and mentioned that South County EMS is satisfied with Pride Care, and a good business model has been developed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Cheri M. Lutz, Recording Secretary

Tim Brown, Chairperson