

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Special 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, Rozeboom, Pfost, Schmitt , Gunnett and Willis.

Absent: Graber.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Art Bates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013, meeting as presented. All aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE ACTIVITIES:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Art Bates representing Chemlink, Inc. appeared before the Planning Commission to request site plan approval for a 1,500 sq. ft. addition to their building.

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the site plan request from Chemlink, Inc. for a 1,500 sq. ft. addition to their building. All aye.

- b) Mr. Art Bates representing Premier Melon appeared before the Planning Commission to request site plan approval for the installation of a 6' chain link fence with three strands of barbed wire, four (4) concrete slabs for refrigeration condensers, and a 30' x 40' concrete wash pad.

Commissioner Comments as follows:

Commissioner Brown stated that the height of the fence should be 8' not including the three strands of barbed wire.

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By general consensus, the Planning Commission agreed they may consider a 6' fence, but acknowledged that the Zoning Ordinance requires an 8' fence.

The Planning Commission will consult with the Village's Planner, and may consider amending the ordinance to allow a 6' fence.

Mr. Bates stated that the fence is required by Homeland Security, and stated that the concrete wash pad will be removed from the site plan as there are no immediate plans to install one.

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Rozeboom, to approve the site plan with the proposed amendment.

Ayes: Schmitt, Brown, Rozeboom and Willis.
Nays: Pfof and Gunnett.

Commissioner Gunnett stated that he is concerned that a Farmer's Market is being held at Premier Melon noting that it is not an allowed use in the I-1 Light Industrial District.

By general consensus, the Planning Commission supported Commissioner Gunnett's concerns, and they will be addressed by Associated Government Services.

- c) Chairperson Brown had the following comments:
- He provided an update on the status of property located at 306 N. Grand Street (Churchill's).
 - He discussed the Village's street address system, and stated that the Village Staff should take an active role correcting some addresses that are inconsistent with the current numbering system as property sells.
- d) Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Pfof, to approve the 2014 meeting schedule as presented. All aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Cheri M. Lutz, Recording Secretary

Tim Brown, Chairperson