

REGULAR CITY OF CHEBOYGAN PLANNING COMMISSION
March 18, 2019

Present: Horntvedt, Khan-King, Kopernik, Granger, Rogers, Kronberg
Absent: Maynard
Admin: Eustice, Bronson
Citizens: Sue Cheli, Louise Sullivan and 1 other

Granger called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. requesting a roll call.

Motion by Kopernik to approve minutes of February 18, second by Kahn-King, approved unanimously.

Committee Update on Master Plan Review:

Commissioners reviewed draft Master Plan page by page and made suggestions regarding proposed additions, deletions and corrections. Sub committee members Horntvedt, Khan-King and Kopernik explained their rationale for the proposed changes as the document was inspected.

After much discussion, edits were completed and Kahn-King suggested that Rogers make edits to the document. Rogers agreed. Draft will be completed for commission to review and recommend to council by next meeting.

Additional points brought up that are not specifically in Master Plan:

With regard to blight, Eustice stated that there was going to be a city clean up where there will be dumpsters and metal recycling. Bronson indicated that in order to clean up blight, there needs to be a dedicated person to follow up on things. He noted that previously it took over 3 years to get a house condemned.

Eustice announced there would be a Community Forum for public input on April 22, 2019 at the Public Library. Time is from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Medical Marihuana Facilities Draft Ordinance Review:

Granger planned on going over proposed changes to City of Buchanan Ordinance but left his notes at home. He indicated that we just have to change Buchanan to Cheboygan and make a few other changes. He noted that if that ordinance is adopted it would preclude a facility from being in the existing paper plant due to its proximity to a church. It was also stated that this ordinance only pertains to Medical Marihuana Facilities, the state has not published information pertaining to Recreation Marihuana.

Review of the ordinance postponed to date specific of April 15, 2019.

Commission Member Comments:

Rogers welcomed Kronberg to the board. Horntvedt advised the board that he would be overseas for a month beginning April 8 and would miss the April 15 meeting. Kopernik stated that he too would miss the April 15 meeting but would try to call in.

Staff Report:

Eustice announced that the City of Cheboygan has been selected to the Select Level of the Michigan Mainstreet Program. Eaton Rapids and Cheboygan were selected. There are currently 23 cities in Michigan at that level. Kronberg questioned what that will do for the city. Eustice explained that the program will bring resources like Best Practices in Economic Development to the city. The Mainstreet program has been in Michigan since 2003 and provides lots of networking and suggestions on what works and what does not work. We will have a main street director, should not cost the city much.

Citizen Comments:

Louise Sullivan of Boise Blanc Island announced that the purchase of a 5-acre parcel of land on the Cheboygan River had closed. They are looking to raise money to put in two boat slips. She wanted to dispel any rumors that people may have heard regarding putting Plaunt Transportation out of business. Plaunt has been used for decades and the island fully intends to continue using them. The purchase of the land is to help long range. Plaunt is considering a 2nd ferry. Eustice stated that the bridge was opened 1100 times just for Plaunt this past season. Kronberg commented on how much energy would be saved by the bridge not having to open and by cars not having to put emissions in the air while sitting idle waiting for the bridge.

Sue Cheli thanked the commission for their service. She indicated that she enjoyed listening to the thoughtful conversation regarding the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda J. Rogers, Secretary
City of Cheboygan Planning Commission