

**Village of Mackinaw City
Special Meeting
Planning Commission
May 8, 2008
Approved Minutes**

Present: Rob Most (Chairman), Jeff Hingston (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Doc Taylor, Florence Tracy, Mary Clark, Paul Allers, Rosada Mann and Nancy Dean
Absent: None
Staff: Jeff Lawson (Village Manager) and Leigh Ann Moscato (Staff Secretary)
Guests: Dick Moehl, Paul Gingrass, Hugh Murray, Marianne Murray, Barry Dean, Joann Leal

SPECIAL MEETING		
1	Call to order and welcome	Call to order
2	Special meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Most. Roll call - members present: D. Taylor, F. Tracy, M. Clark, R. Most, P. Allers, R. Mann and N. Dean Members absent: J. Hingston (arrived 7:20 p.m.)	Roll call
3	Pledge to flag was recited	Pledge to flag
4	Motion Clark supported Allers to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 24, 2008 as presented. Voice vote – all ayes. Absent – Hingston. Motion carried unanimously.	Review and approval of minutes
5	Dick Moehl expressed his thanks for supporting the Icebreaker Mackinaw sign variance and for supporting the ordinance to allow the mooring of the Icebreaker Mackinaw at the dock on S. Huron. Several boy scouts from Ann Arbor and their scout leaders will be working on the Icebreaker this summer. Chairman Most asked that the minutes reflect that the Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Moehl for the Icebreaker Mackinaw updates.	Public Comments
6	New Business No new business was presented.	New Business
7	Old Business	Old Business
7A	Staff reviewed the two points raised at the last meeting. The word “evenly” was removed; and clarification of ground cover within the setback was added as a landscaping requirement in the B2 and MC District. Board requested Staff to clarify the 10% side yard setback reflecting a minimum 10’ on any side yard setback.	Proposed B-2 Amendment Language – Final Review
7B	Staff explained that the Council approved the recommended use of ferry boats in the MC District in March of 2007. Continued discussion of uses within the District ensued as follows: ➤ Planning Commission discussed boardwalks within the district. ➤ Importance of protecting the historic value and view shed. ➤ Many restaurants already located within Village limits.	Discuss Marina Commercial Zoning District Uses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Many areas located around the State allow restaurant and retail use within Marina, which were an acceptable use within the MC District in the past. ➤ The possibility of dinner boat operations. ➤ Staff confirmed the State’s proposed project at the State dock: construction of a comfort station, refueling area, parking area, restrooms, and 5 or 6 turbines for aeration systems. ➤ The allowable building height in the district is 30 feet or 3 ½ stories. ➤ Bell’s Fishery and the Shepler repair facility are currently both nonconforming businesses within the district. <p>Board directed Staff to request an opinion from legal counsel concerning the topic.</p>	
	<p>Most called for recess at 7:52 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m. by Most</p>	Recess
<p>7C</p>	<p>Staff reviewed the current projects and goals of the plan.</p> <p>Item 1 – Acceptable.</p> <p>Item 2 – Discussion on barrier free setting, protection of open natural settings, and open space within parks. Federal standards are currently being reviewed and recommended for use for all park facilities. ADA compliance is required when parks are upgraded. Language is acceptable.</p> <p>Item 3 – No discussion.</p> <p>Item 4 – No discussion.</p> <p>Item 5 – Connection between waterfront to the Historic Village is already located within the trail system and would be cost effective.</p> <p>Item 6 – Clarification of “general” parks on west side, not necessarily waterfront.</p> <p>Item 7 – Modify Figure 10, the map to reflect potential areas for parks. Plan would focus more on connecting the trail system. The connections would link areas from the Headlands, Shaw’s Hill, and the Historic Village to town.</p> <p>Item 8 – Allow application for grant when a property is identified for possible purchase.</p> <p>Item 9 – Specifically identify restrooms at certain parks. Staff indicated that restrooms are key items in grant applications and grant ranking. Focus was to build bathrooms at Historic Village and Conkling Park. Clarification will be included.</p> <p>Item 10 – No discussion.</p> <p>Item 11 – Follow through on the establishment of dog parks. Possibly address logistics and placement of dog parks within Village owned property (perhaps a fenced in area).</p> <p>Item 12 – No discussion.</p> <p>Item 13 – No discussion.</p> <p>Item 14 – No discussion.</p> <p>Item 15 – Discussion of the priority. The Historic Society and Commission has developed a 5 year plan. This allows the Village to pursue specific grants and the needs of the Historic Village.</p>	<p>Review of Mackinaw City Parks, Recreation and Greenways Plan</p>

	<p>There was also discussion on the availability of resources for adequate maintenance programs after projects are completed. It was confirmed that the Village exceeds the standards for percentage of parks as it relates to the number of residents within the Village, see page 33 of the plan.</p> <p><u>Action Plan</u></p> <p><u>Park Connector Trails</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A trail connector between the DNR Trail and the Recreation Center can be accomplished by adding signage to encourage and improve use. ❖ The Village’s engineer is working on cost estimates to design a trail system to connect the Recreation Center to the Historic Village. <p><u>Renovate Recreation Center</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Recreation Center has received a grant to complete renovations to the front portion of the original building. <p><u>Campbell Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Reapply for coastal zone management grant <p><u>Historic Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Apply for DNR grant to construct picnic area, pavilion parking area and restrooms. <p><u>Turbine Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Developing a display would be inexpensive . <p><u>Dry Dock Lake</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Continue review of Dry Dock Lake property. 	
8	The current need for bathroom facilities at Conkling park. Implementation of dog parks. The Board discussed adding these items as priorities to the action plan.	Commissioner Comments
9	A regular meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. A special meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.	Commissioner Calendar
10	Motion Hingston supported by Mann to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.	Adjournment

Planning Commission Minutes respectfully submitted:

Rob Most, Chairman

Mary Clark, Secretary