

**Village of Mackinaw City
Special Meeting
Planning Commission
October 8, 2009
Approved Minutes**

Members: Rob Most (Chairman), John Riemer, Bo Whipkey, Florence Tracy, Mary Clark,
Paul Allers, Rosada Mann, and Nancy Dean

Staff: Jeff Lawson (Village Manager)

Guests: Sandy Planisek, Dick Moehl, Jonathan Eppley, Steven Celez

SPECIAL MEETING	
1	Call to Order and Welcome
2	<p>Roll Call</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Most. Roll call members present: R. Most, J. Riemer, F. Tracy, M. Clark, P. Allers, R. Mann, and N. Dean. Members Absent: B. Whipkey</p>
3	<p>Pledge to Flag</p> <p>Most requested a change to the Agenda to add East Central Avenue Parking Discussion under New Business as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Village President Visit b. E. Central Avenue Parking Discussion c. Planner's Moments – Unit 12: Shoreline Buffers <p>Motion Tracy supported Clark to change the October 8, 2009 Special Meeting Agenda, Item 6, New Business, a. Village President Visit, b. E. Central Avenue Parking Discussion, c. Planner's Moments – Unit 12: Shoreline Buffers. Voice vote – all ayes. Absent – Whipkey. Motion carried.</p>
4	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Motion Mann supported Dean to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2009, as revised. Voice vote – all ayes. Absent – Whipkey. Motion carried.</p>
5	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>There were no public comments presented.</p>
6	NEW BUSINESS
6 a	<p>Village President Visit</p> <p>President Hingston expressed his thanks to the Board for their service and emphasized the importance of their roll in the development of the Village.</p>
6 b	<p>E. Central Avenue Parking</p> <p>Sandy Planisek summarized a meeting sponsored by the North East Michigan Council of Governments concerning Trails and Bike Lanes. Planisek provided pictures taken in the community showing bicycle use in the Village, bicycle parking, pedestrian walking areas, etc. There was an in depth discussion on the development of bicycle routes to downtown, providing areas for bicyclists to park their bikes, walking around downtown, back-in parking, vehicular visibility, safety, bike lane liability, design, how Central Avenue could be utilized and developed with back-in parking, and the effect of back-in parking on motor homes in the third block.</p>

	<p>The back-in parking concept was presented for discussion as it relates to the E. Central Avenue road project scheduled for spring of 2010. The DDA also discussed this matter at their October 7, 2009 meeting and will also be presented at the next Council meeting. Final plan approval must be submitted to MDOT by the end of November in order to have the E. Central project as part of the January letting process.</p> <p>If back-in parking was going to be considered, the Board discussed the necessity of holding a public hearing before implementing back-in parking on E. Central Avenue.</p> <p>This matter will be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the Planning Commission's Regular Meeting scheduled for October 22, 2009.</p>
6 c	<p>Planner's Moments – Unit 12: Shoreline Buffers</p> <p>Unit 12, Shoreline Buffers of the Planner's Moments will be moved to the October 22, 2009 meeting.</p>
7	OLD BUSINESS
7 a	<p>Update Wind Turbine Ordinance</p> <p>Riemer stated that the subcommittee is still reviewing the proposed Ordinance.</p>
7 b	<p>Discussion of Boat Line Summer Parking</p> <p>Mann inquired on why the parking was extended to 90 days and which districts the parking will be allowed. Staff indicated that the districts allowing the summer parking allowed under the Special Use Requirement would be in B1, B2, MR, and BC; and, the 90 day frame coincides with the summer period and allows for enforcement.</p> <p>This will matter will be discussed at the October 22, 2009 meeting.</p>
7 c	<p>Update Master Plan</p> <p>Staff is currently preparing information for the consultant.</p>
8	<p>Commissioner Comments</p> <p>Most provided a review of the Council's denial of the Smith right-of-way request. Most emphasized the importance of reading the Planning Commission's vote at the Council meeting and having a formal representative of the Planning Commission attend Council meetings.</p>
9	<p>Commissioner Calendar</p> <p>October 22, 2009 – Regular Meeting (election of officers, vacancies and reappointments) November 12, 2009 – Special Meeting December 10, 2009 – Special Meeting</p>
10	<p>Motion Clark supported Mann to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Voice vote – all ayes. Whipkey – absent. Motion carried.</p>

Planning Commission Minutes respectfully submitted:

Rob Most, Chairman

Mary Clark, Secretary