

Planning Commission Minutes
August 17, 2011

Chairman Steve Laux called the meeting to at order at 7:04 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Members present: Michael Cassidy, Steve Laux, Jim Cherry, Micheal Culpepper and Lana Kaiser.

Members absent: Jessica Bayer and Randy Martin, plus two vacancies.

Also present: Peter Preston, Zoning Consultant for the City of Laingsburg and Paula Willoughby, Zoning Administrator.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Cherry, seconded by Culpepper to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Culpepper, seconded by Cherry to open the public hearing to receive public input on a Special Land Use Permit application from Rosemary Ridsdale for Rose Villa Retreat, 115 Grand River Road, Laingsburg. Motion carried.

There was no public present at the hearing, only the applicant Rosemary Ridsdale and her husband Dean Ridsdale.

Pete Preston informed the Planning Commission the upstairs of the building has been used for an apartment in the recent past. It may continue to be used as an apartment under the new use or, or it may be used as additional sleeping are for the hobby retreat. When the apartment is rented separately, 11 persons can spend the night in the retreat or up to 16 people if the apartment is used as part of the retreat.

It was duly noted by Chairman that it is that they willing to invest in the building to make it nice.

Moved by Laux, seconded by Cherry to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Laux, seconded by Cherry to recommend that City Council approve the Special Use Permit and Final Site Plan as they meet the standards set forth in sections 704, 605, 606 of the City of Laingsburg's Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried.

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The City Council has adopted the Planning Commission Ordinance to conform with changes authorized by Public Act 33 of 2008. This ordinance takes effect August 25, 2011. So at our next Planning Commission meeting the number of Planning Commission members has been reduced from 9 members to 7 members. Two members may be from the City Council. The City Clerk will no longer be a member of the Planning Commission. The City Council needs to appoint one more at-large member.

Moved by Cherry, seconded by Cassidy to adjourn. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Lana Kaiser
City Clerk