

**PROPOSED PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 18, 2009**

Chairman Laux called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Jessica Bayer, James Cherry, Steve Laux, Micheal Culpepper and Lana Kaiser.

Absent: Michael Cassidy, Randy Meder and Michael Smith.

Also present: Peter Preston, Zoning Consultant and Paula Willoughby, Zoning Administrator.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Cherry, seconded by Bayer to approve the minutes of January 21, 2009, as presented. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission conducted a six-month review of the 2008 City of Laingsburg Zoning Ordinance. The following revisions are recommended:

1. Article 5, Section 515 – Consider adding a use by special land use approval in the C-1, Central Business District that would allow for light manufacturing and assemblage type activities.
2. Article 5, Section 515 – Consider reducing the required minimum front and rear yard setbacks to the previously utilized zero lot line setback. The provision may cause disruption in the continuity of the downtown for new development and cause undo hardship for those interested in redeveloping or renovating property in the downtown.
3. Article 5, Section 520 – Add provisions for accounting for the development of manufactured housing communities, including information requirements and standards for development.
4. Article 10, Section 1001 – Add provision to this section of the Ordinance citing the membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals as required by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006.

It was the general consensus of those present to schedule a public hearing for March 19, 2009 at, during the regular council meeting that commences at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input for amendments the Zoning Ordinance.

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Pete compiled the surveys that were collected for the Master Plan and included the results in Chapter 3 Goals and Objectives for the Master Plan (attached to the minutes).

A Community Forum for the Master Plan will be held during the regular Planning Commission meeting in March. It was decided that we should “invite” LBA, DDA and City Council members to attend this forum.

Moved by Bayer, seconded by Cherry to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Lana Kaiser  
City Clerk