

**Proposed Planning Commission Minutes
May 19, 2010**

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

Members present: Jessica Bayer, Steve Laux, Jim Cherry, Randy Meder, Lisa Fredline, Randy Martin, Mike Culpepper

Members absent: Mike Cassidy and Lana Kaiser

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

Applicant: United Methodist Church of Laingsburg, 210 Crum Street.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Cherry, seconded by Bayer to approve the minutes of April 14, 2010, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Meder, seconded by Bayer to open the public hearing to receive public input. Motion carried.

Cassidy arrived at 7:05 pm.

The following is a list of who was present and signed in for the public hearing: Dane Nickols, Clint Hawks, Dawn Dulworth, Rev. Elbert Dulworth, Don McDonald, Ed Kemp, Ed Parker, Norma Parker, Todd Wolff, Phillip Matthews, Kristi McConnell and Jeff Parker representing Jeff Parker Architects.

The Planning Commission will consider approval of the site plan presented for the United Methodist Church, parcel number 022-43-000-024-00, more commonly known as 210 Crum Street. The petitioner is seeking site plan approval to expand the existing church from 8,116-sf to 11,190-sf. (an almost 28% increase in square footage). The proposal involves the demolition of the western 2,650-sf of the church structure and replacement with approximately 5,700-sf of new structure. The seating capacity will be increased from 100 to 234, as well as 4 additional classrooms and a library being added to the use of the structure.

Pete Preston presented a staff report to the Board explaining the options before them. Jeff Parker, architect explained that the current sanctuary was built in the days of Abraham Lincoln and that the foundation was crumbling. The Church has investigated

ways to preserve and repair, no of which have panned out. Therefore the only option available was to rebuild.

Dane Nickols stated that the church is an asset to the community.

Moved by Bayer seconded by Cassidy to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Cherry, seconded by Cassidy

To approve the petition for **final site plan** submitted by Laingsburg United Methodist Church for the development of property located at 210 Crum St. as legally described in the petition based on the following reasoning and subject to the following conditions:

Reasoning

1. Standards set forth under Sections 605 (final site plan requirements) and Section 606 (standards for review) have been or can be met subject to the conditions set forth below.

Conditions

1. All improvements must be in accordance with final site plan as approved by the Planning Commission.

All yes roll call vote, Motion carried.

Moved by Culpepper, seconded by Bayer to acknowledge the Notice of Intent to Plan from Sciota Township. Motion Carried.

Moved by Meder, seconded by Fredline to recommend that the Laingsburg City Council resolve to issue a six-month moratorium on the regulations regarding the use and care givers of Marijuana for medical purposes, while the Planning Commission explores the options of regulation. Roll call vote: Bayer –yes, Laux-yes, Cherry-yes, Meder-yes, Fredline-yes, Cassidy-yes, Martin-No and Culpepper-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Meder, seconded by Bayer to adjourn. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Paula Willoughby
Deputy City Clerk

