

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 17, 2016
Vicksburg Community Center
101 S Main St
Vicksburg, MI 49097

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Durkee called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Present: Keller, Schimp, Newman, Hunt and Durkee. Absent: Parsons and Houts.
- III. Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Keller, supported by Newman, MOTION CARRIED, approving the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting as amended. Carried 5-0
- IV. Public Comment – Newman presented the commission with a handout on Poultry / livestock information to review. Discussion was held at the previous council meeting allowing no livestock / poultry and members in the audience were in attendance to discuss.
- V. Planning Commission Action Procedures – Discussion ensued on the need for procedures to process the minutes, language for ordinance amendments, and language. All information is to go thru the Village Manager before sending to the commission and / or the attorney for review. Mr. Schimp will forward notes / minutes to the Village Clerk to have prepared and posted by the next working day.
- VI. Review Status of the Blight Ordinance – Commission members discussed the status of the proposed blight ordinance. The ordinance cannot proceed to the next step until language addressing the enforcement process is clarified. Village Manager Schippers will meet with the Attorney and report back at the special meeting scheduled for May 24th.
Motion by Keller, supported by Hunt, MOTION CARRIED, tabling the blight ordinance until attorney drafts enforcement ordinance.
Roll Call Votes: Ayes: Keller, Newman, Hunt, Durkee and Schimp. Nays: None
Absent: Parsons and Houts
- VII. Other – Village Manager Schippers addressed the commission requesting a clarification in the ordinance and allowing drive-thru windows. He has been approached by a perspective buyer for the Fryling Building who wants to put in a drive-thru window to sell coffee. Discussion ensued on the difference between drive-in and drive thru. It was consensus of the group that drive-thru would be allow.



- VIII. Public Comment – Ms. Kristine Richards-Capp introduced herself and advised she would like the commission to consider language to allow for residents to have chickens. She apprised of the many benefits of allowing poultry, suggested regulations for housing and care, and working with plat restrictions. Audience members discussed the pro's and con's of allowing residents to have Chickens. Commission members discussed the possibility of hosting several community meetings to aid in the creation of an ordinance. Gleaning public input is crucial in putting together ordinance language.

Commission members discussed their list of ordinances to review:

Chickens
Overlay District
Driveways
Parking

- IX. Adjournment – 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Schimp

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Secretary

Minutes available: May 23, 2016

Minutes approved: