

# Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

## Monday March 14, 2016

**1. Regular Meeting:** Called to order by Chairman Gordy Plescher at 7:03 p1

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call:** Gordy Plescher, Dave Ruble, Susan Sample, Bill Leszinske, Eric Davis, Angie Mayeaux and Tadija Widojkovich. Also in attendance, Eric Mayeaux, Zoning Administrator, and Roger Peacock, Ravenna Township Planning

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Leszinske moved Ruble seconded to approve the February 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Agenda:** Ruble moved Davis seconded to approve March 14, 2016 meeting agenda . Motion carried.

**6. Discussion of New Business:**

A. Master Plan Approval: moved by Ruble, seconded by Davis to approve Master Plan. Motion Carried.

B. Temporary Fireworks Tent: Eric Mayeaux, ZA reported he has been contacted by a gentleman that would like to put a temporary tent up in town to sell fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Many questions from the group—tent size, how far from building, how much space would they require, what is temporary—14 day limit. The group asked Mr. Mayeaux to look further into the State Laws, and what other towns/cities/villages are doing in these cases, and have the man fill out a the “new business form” so that we have all pertinent information. Mr. Mayeaux will report back.

**7. Old Business:**

A. Pharmacy Vacant Lot: Mr. Mayeaux reported back stating he spoke to MDOT who referred him to the Muskegon County Road Commission who told him that it was up to village as to where the driveway is placed for the parking lot of the pharmacy. Discussion ensued as to what we would expect such as entry/exit door to the pharmacy from the parking lot, handicapped accessible ramp, parking lot drainage, green space, retaining wall and entrance only from Stafford St. Mrs. Mayeaux stated that we need to be careful to not require too much that isn't required by law or ordinances.

B. Zoning Ordinance Review: No input given at this time.

Was suggested that we go back and look at the Temporary Business ordinance and look at having a permit fee.

**8. Public Comment:**

A. Roger Peacock from the Ravenna Township Planning. He came to represent the Township to give comment on our Master Plan. He complimented the Planning Commissions

hard work. He asked that the village be respectful of the township survey that was given to all residents and what the public “wants”. He asked that we:

- Try not to create a suburban atmosphere, as 75% of Ravenna & Casnovia twps. are agriculture
- Prioritize rehabbing existing buildings and land

Mrs. Mayeaux expressed that we appreciated him coming and we hope that in the future the Village and Township could work more closely together on our Master Plans. He was agreeable.

**B.** Widojkovich spoke about creating a Children’s Garden behind the Dollar General. He went to the Village Council meeting and discussed with them. He discussed having names of children etched in a wall: we could check with Bill Funk about this. It would incorporate a butterfly sanctuary. This would a costly project that would take time to develop and find funding through grants and donations. There have been previous talks of making a bridge to connect Thatcher Park to the area behind Dollar General. Ruble discussed possible parking issues, and the Lions Club may be willing to assist with funding. Recommended to be sent to the Parks Committee. Also discussion of access to the area—Steve Dohm spoke with Mr. Place who would be willing to allow access through his property if there is no liability. The Township also owns the property behind the cemetery and they may allow access through their land.

**9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Mayeaux, Planning Commission Secretary