

BROWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 1, 2009

Meeting called to order at about 7:00 PM by Chairman Todd Vandewarker.

PRESENT: Chairman Todd Vandewarker, Commissioners: Jack Bell, Laura Carpenter, Ken Brown, Mike Frey and JoAnne Potts; City Manager Clint Holmes.

ABSENT: Commissioners Jay Berry, Keith Redlin and Ron Rhode; City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Carpenter, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2009 as amended. Motion carried.

In paragraph 1 of the September 3, 2009 Planning Commission minutes under "Unfinished Business" replace "Counseling Center" with "New Beginning Camp, LLC., Alternative Education, Substance and Abuse Program."

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Sign Permit for Colonial Car Care – 6964 Walter Street.** The owner has requested permission to have the sign mounted on the side of the building. It will say "Cooper Tires" and will be installed, and be provided, by Cooper Tires.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Bell, to approve the pre-application building permit for a 7' X 8' lighted sign to be mounted on the south outside wall of Colonial Car Care, and forward to the City Council recommending approval. Motion carried.

- 2. Sign Permit for Sacred Heart Catholic Church – 7090 Cade Road.** Mr. Stanley Maksymiuk, on behalf of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a local Boy Scout, requested permission to have a sign erected adjacent to the driveway entrance of the Church as an Eagle Scout project. Mr. Maksymiuk provided drawings and a facsimile of the proposed sign.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Potts, to approve the pre-application building permit for a sign to be erected at the Catholic Church and forward to the City Council recommending approval. Motion carried.

- 3. Building Permit for Remodeling of European Deli into the New Beginning Camp, LLC., Alternative Education, Substance and Abuse Program – 4254 Main Street:** Commissioner Brown asked what the status of the request was. The City Manager stated that there had been no additional paperwork or communication concerning the request. If the sealed plans and additional paperwork are submitted by October 16th, then the Planning Commission could schedule a Public Hearing to discuss the possible zoning change and building permit application.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Carpenter, to schedule a Public Hearing for November 5, 2009 if the sealed plans are received by October 16, 2009. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ordinance Review -153.00 Wind Energy Systems (WES) Ordinance.

City Manager stated that he attended a class on WES conducted by MSU Extension in Lapeer on the evening of September 16th. Copies of the presentation and a sample Ordinance were provided to the members of the Planning Commission.

Consensus of the Commissioners is to add Paragraph 13. B. xii.: Along with the site plan, a petition or letter must be submitted signed by all adjoining property owners stating: "We (I) the adjacent property owner(s) have no objection to this installation of a windmill for electric power generation."

Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Chairman Potts, to continue to table further action on Ordinance 153.00 pending additional review by Commissioners. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Potts, second by Commissioner Carpenter, to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton K. Holmes
City Manager