

**City of Marine City  
Planning Commission Meeting  
May 11, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Chairperson Rebecca Lepley at 7:00 pm.

After observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Lepley.

**Present: Chairperson Lepley; Commissioners Gabler, Menchaca; City Commissioner Simpson; Acting City Manager Tillery, and, City Clerk Baxter**

**Absent: Commissioners Jenken, McKenzie, Skwiers**

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Commissioner Gabler, to excuse Commissioners Jenken, McKenzie and Skwiers from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Menchaca, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Menchaca, to approve the April 13, 2015 Minutes of the Planning Commission, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Communications**

No Communications were presented.

## **Public Comment**

No residents addressed the Board.

## **Unfinished Business**

### ***Non-Motorized Transportation Plan***

Chairperson Lepley announced that City Commissioner Lovett has been working with the Safe Routes to School Program which is a national program to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. The Marine City Middle School and Marine City High School were scheduled to have an observation dismissal day on June 1, 2015, coordinated by Safe Routes to School.

## **New Business**

### ***Fence Ordinance ~ Review***

Clay Township's fence ordinance was once again reviewed with City Commissioner Simpson asking if the ordinance was something the Planning Commission should review and adopt, or if the Marine City fence ordinance was sufficient. Mr. Simpson said his opinion was that the city would benefit by retaining their own ordinance and creating more detail. He suggested taking what was best from the Clay Township ordinance and the St. Clair ordinance and applying it to the Marine City fence ordinance.

Chain linked fences were discussed and were decided not to be an obstruction. The term "waterfront" was suggested, and strongly supported, to implement into the current ordinance.

The Board decided that, due to the absence of three Board members, they would review the ordinances at home and bring suggestions back for discussion at their next meeting scheduled for June 8, 2015.

Commissioner Menchaca said the Marine City fence ordinance could be fine-tuned by the Planning Commission before sending it back to the City Commission for approval.

## ***Master Plan***

As the Master Plan is due for a 5-year review, Board Members discussed options of how they want to go about conducting the review. Acting City Manager Tillery to supply options at the June 8, 2015 meeting, as listed below:

- Use of a professional company.
- Use of the county planner.
- Completing review and update ourselves.

## **Adjournment**

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Menchaca, to adjourn at 7:44 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristen Baxter*

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City Clerk