

City of West Branch Planning Commission
meeting minutes / Public Hearing April 24, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Roll call - Present Bob David, Dan Weiler, Denise Lawrence, Mike Jackson, Kara Faching, Jan Hasty, Bill Ehinger, Lisa Jensen (at 6:04 pm)
Also Present – Kelli Collins, Joanne Bennett

*Motion by member Faching, seconded by member Ehinger to excuse Mike Jackson from April 10, 2018 Planning meeting. David yes, Weiler yes, Lawrence yes, Faching yes, Hasty yes, Ehinger yes. None opposed. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

(minutes taken by member Faching up to this point, now carried out by member/Secretary Jensen)

Public hearings

McLaren Bay Region – All plans preliminary. Robert Beythan spoke. Members asked questions about the proposed Facility.

Public comments- Brian from the Bldg Dept asked questions, members asked questions and discussed the facility.

*Motion by member Faching, seconded by member Ehinger to approve McLaren plans as presented, with additions of updated water meter, and backflow prevention. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Tim Yost Spoke in regards to the Tiny House project, requesting a Special Use Permit. Members had several questions in regard to the project. Brian from Building Dept asked several questions as well. William Krueger, a neighbor in close proximity to the proposed project spoke at length regarding his disapproval of the project.

*Motion by Chairman David, seconded by Lawrence to close the public Hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Member Lawrence excused from meeting for emergency at 7:20 pm.

*Motion by member Faching, seconded by member Jackson to excuse member Lawrence. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

*Motion by member Jackson, seconded by member Weiler for a rezoning/amendment to the Zoning code Section 7.15 “Planned Unit Development” (PUD) amending square footage for units from 600 sq. feet to 432 sq feet, contingent upon City Councils approval. Roll call votes- Weiler yes, Jensen yes, David yes, Faching yes, Hasty yes, Jackson yes. Motion carried.

*Motion by member Jackson, seconded by Faching to postpone any action on Tiny House Special Use Permit until the next meeting of Planning Commission on May 8, 2018. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Additions to agenda- -none

Public comment - none

*Motion by member Hasty, seconded by member David to approve meeting minutes from April 10, 2018. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Site plans – none

Sign permits – none

Unfinished Business – Members to review Denise Kline's Participation Plan

New Business – none

Communications – none

Reports

Chairs Report – Chairman David thanked the City crew for a great job on the recent snowstorm cleanup.

Member reports - Bill Ehinger none, Dan Weiler none, Lisa Jensen none, Kara Fachting noticed Christmas décor was still in the flower pots downtown, Joanne Bennett will help with that. Jan Hasty none, Mike Jackson none.

DDA Report – Joanne Bennett spoke about improving ORV trails.

Public comment – A member of the public stated Tiny homes must be 14 feet apart.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Taken and typed by Lisa Jensen, Planning Secretary