

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022.

Vice Chairperson Bob David called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bob David, Josh Erickson, Mike Jackson, and Rusty Showalter.

Absent: Yvonne DeRoso, Kara Fachting, and Cori Lucynski

Others officers in attendance: City Manager/zoning administrator, John Dantzer

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All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**MOTION BY ERICKSON, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2022.**

**Yes — David, Erickson, Jackson, Showalter**

**No – None**

**Absent –DeRoso, Fachting, Lucynski**

**Motion carried**

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As an addition to the agenda, sign permit SP22-12 for Ace Hardware at 2106 M-76 was submitted. City Manager Dantzer noted a variance was needed on the sign permit because the free-standing monument sign and digital sign were larger than allowed in the General Business District. He further noted the monument sign was the same size as the monument sign it was replacing and the digital sign was high enough that it would not create any safety concerns and noted his recommendation for approval.

Member David noted his concern with the brightness of the digital sign. It was noted that the sign ordinance addresses digital signs and that they shall not be detrimental to neighboring properties nor cause any safety issues.

**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ERICKSON, TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AND ALLOW THE ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR THE MONUMENT SIGN AND DIGITAL SIGN AS PRESENTED FOR SIGN PERMIT SP22-12, ACE HARDWARE.**

**Yes — David, Erickson, Jackson, Showalter**

**No – None**

**Absent –DeRoso, Fachting, Lucynski**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY DAVID, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO RESCHEDULE THE NOVEMBER MEETING TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 6:00 PM DUE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FALLING ON THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING NIGHT.**

**Yes — David, Erickson, Jackson, Showalter**

**No – None**

**Absent –DeRoso, Fachting, Lucynski**

**Motion carried**

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm