

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024.

Chairperson Lucynski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bob David, Yvonne DeRoso, Kara Fachting, Mike Jackson, Cori Lucynski, and Rusty Showalter.

Absent: Josh Erickson

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY DAVID, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2024

Yes — David, DeRoso, Fachting, Jackson, Lucynski, Showalter

No – None

Absent –Erickson

Motion carried

John Iacoangeli from Beckett and Raeder (attending virtually) continued discussion on the City’s Economic Development Strategy. The Board reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the City, the focus area, and strategy sections. Mr. Iacoangeli noted he would take the comments from the nights meeting and bring back a draft to review for approval at the next meeting.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY DAVID, TO EXCUSE MEMBERS DEROSO AND LUCYNSKI FROM THE MARCH MEETING.

Yes — David, DeRoso, Fachting, Jackson, Lucynski, Showalter

No – None

Absent –Erickson

Motion carried

Member DeRoso noted she was honored to be nominated for the Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award. She also noted the Ogemaw Housing Committee continues to move forward and they are looking at some funding options.

Member Jackson noted the construction downtown had started and invited everyone to the Airport picnic on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 to celebrate being named the General Aviation Airport of the year.

Member Showalter commended MDOT for their wayfinding signs helping direct traffic to the downtowns businesses.

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Chairperson Lucynski closed the meeting at 6:54 pm.