

**City of Brighton
Planning Commission
Minutes
May 21, 2012**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Monet called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The following were present:

David McLane	Robert Pawlowski
Steve Monet	John Wells
Dave Petrak	Al Wirth
Larry Schillinger	

Absent: Matt Smith. Bill Bryan

Motion by Mr. Wirth, supported by Mr. Wells, to excuse Commission Members Bryan and Smith from tonight's meeting. **Motion carried 7-0-2.**

Also present were Amy Cyphert and Lauri French from Staff.

2. Approval of the April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Cyphert noted that with the absences of Commission Members Bryan and Smith tonight that there are not enough votes to approve the meeting minutes from April 16. **Motion** by Mr. Pawlowski, supported by Mr. Petrak, to table the April 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes until the June meeting. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

3. Approval of the May 21, 2012 Agenda

Motion by Mr. McLane, supported by Mr. Wells, to approve tonight's agenda as amended. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

4. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 7:32 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed at 7:32 p.m.

Public Hearings

5. Public Hearing for Possible Action on Amendments to Chapter 98, Article XXV, Temporary Land Uses

Ms. Cyphert noted that a new State law, Public Act 56 of 2011, permits the purchase, sale, possession and use of fireworks with regulations established in the public act. This legislation requires a change to the existing Temporary Land Use, which currently prohibits the sale of fireworks. The proposed amendment, removing the fireworks language from the section, will bring our zoning ordinance into conformance with Public Act 256 of 2011.

Chairperson Monet opened the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Wells, supported by Mr. Pawlowski, to forward the proposed amendments to City Council for their approval and setting of a public hearing date. **Motion carried 7-0-2.**

6. Public Hearing for Possible Action on Amendments to Chapter 98, Article XXI, LIP Districts

Ms. Cyphert noted that a new State law, Public Act 56 of 2011, permits the purchase, sale, possession and use of fireworks with regulations established in the public act. This legislation requires a change to

the existing LIP, Light Industrial Park District, which currently prohibits fireworks or explosive manufacturing or storage. The proposed amendment, removing the fireworks language from the section, will bring our zoning ordinance into conformance with Public Act 256 of 2011.

Chairperson Monet opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Wirth, supported by Mr. Petrak, to forward the proposed amendments to City Council for their approval and setting of a public hearing date. **Motion carried 7-0-2.**

Unfinished Business

New Business

Other Business

7. Staff Updates

a. Award Discussion – Ms. Cyphert noted that this topic was discussed at last month's meeting but that no decision had been made about renaming the Siford award. Staff's research revealed that Sally Noeker served the longest continuous term on Planning Commission. Ms. Cyphert stated that this could be put on next month's agenda along with several other items. There was discussion about when the Noeker family should be notified if the Commission decides to rename the award. Chairperson Monet stated that the two items that should be discussed regarding this topic at the June meeting are whether to keep all three awards and whether to rename the Siford award to the Noeker award.

Ms. Cyphert advised that City Council approved distribution of the draft Master Plan update for the 63 day comment period to the surrounding townships and other entities. The update is on target for final approval by late summer.

Mr. Wirth asked for an update on Excelda. Ms. Cyphert stated there should be some news within the next few days. Mr. Schillinger stated that Planning Commission should not have to find things out in the media for items which have been approved by the Commission and advised that the Excelda project is temporarily on hold due to some financial issues.

Mr. Wirth asked how the new sign ordinance was working out in regard to sandwich boards. Ms. Cyphert noted that the ordinance just went into effect last week. She is still working on the fee that will be included in the FY 12-13 fee schedule to be approved by Council next month. She is also working on using a sticker for those sandwich boards that have been approved; if there is no sticker, that means they have not submitted an application nor paid the fee.

8. Commissioner Concerns

9. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 7:45 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

10. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Petrak, supported by Mr. Wirth, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

John Wells, Secretary

Lauri French, Recording Secretary