

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

TO THE ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: February 22, 2010

As set forth in its bylaws, on or before March 1 of each year, the Planning Commission is required make a written report to the City Council of the work of the Planning Commission during the preceding year. The following is a summary report of the matters considered and/or acted upon by the Planning Commission at its regular or special meetings held during calendar year 2009:

Regular Meeting of February 23, 2009

1. Elected its officers for calendar year 2009. Michael Bergen was elected Chairperson, John Kustuch was elected Vice-Chairperson and Russell Atkinson was elected Secretary.
2. Continued its review of recommendations for amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance which are required to bring the Ordinance into compliance with Act 110, Michigan Public Acts of 2006.
3. Received a report from the City Manager on various items of interest to the Planning Commission.

Regular Meeting of May 18, 2009

1. Continued its review of recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and began its review of proposed ordinances related to the wind energy systems.
2. Adopted the annual capital improvement program and forwarded its recommendations to the City Council that it adopt the capital improvement program as prepared by the Planning Commission.
3. Received a report from the City Manager on various items of interest to the Planning Commission.

Special Meeting of June 22, 2009

1. Heard a presentation from a representative of Affordable Green Energy regarding the regulation of wind energy systems.
2. Scheduled a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (for compliance with Act 110, Michigan Public Acts of 2006) to be held during a special meeting called for July 27, 2009. (Note: the July special meeting was subsequently cancelled)
3. Received a report from the City Manager on various items of interest to the Planning Commission.

Regular Meeting of August 24, 2009

1. Received a request to consider rezoning certain properties located on Prairie and Smith Streets.
2. Scheduled a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed rezoning of certain properties on Prairie and Smith Streets to be held during a special meeting called for September 28, 2009.
3. Rescheduled a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (for compliance with Act 110, Michigan Public Acts of 2006) to be held during a special meeting called for September 28, 2009.
4. Received a report from the City Manager on various items of interest to the Planning Commission.

Special Meeting of September 28, 2009

1. Held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (for compliance with Act 110, Michigan Public Acts of 2006).
2. Forwarded its recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to City Council and adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council amend the Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the Planning Commission's recommendations.
3. Rescheduled a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed rezoning of certain properties on Prairie and Smith Streets to be held during a special meeting called for October 26, 2009.
4. Received a report from the City Manager on various items of interest to the Planning Commission.

Special Meeting of October 26, 2009

1. Held a public hearing on proposed rezoning of certain properties located on Prairie and Smith Streets.
2. Forwarded its recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Map of the City of Essexville which would change the zoning of certain properties on Prairie and Smith Streets and adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council amend the Zoning Map of the City of Essexville pursuant to the Planning Commission's recommendations.
3. Scheduled a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which would establish regulations for the construction and operation of wind energy conversion systems within the City of Essexville to be held during the November 23, 2009 regular meeting of the Planning Commission.
4. Received a report of Commissioner Atkinson's resignation from the Planning Commission.

Regular Meeting of November 23, 2009

1. Held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which would establish regulations for the construction and operation of wind energy conversion systems within the City of Essexville.
2. Forwarded its recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to City Council and adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council amend the Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Further detail regarding the foregoing summary of matters considered and/or acted upon by the Planning Commission during calendar year 2009 can be found in meeting minutes and in written reports and recommendations prepared for the City Council by the Planning Commission.

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Michael Bergen, Chairperson
Essexville Planning Commission