



**CITY OF LONG LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Chair Crump.

Present: Committee Members Hultmann, Crump, Skjaret, Hoen and Loosen; City Councilmember Olson; and City Administrator Post.

Absent: None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Loosen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hoen seconded. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the April 14, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Loosen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Hoen seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Liaison Report

City Administrator Post advised that the future use status of the Kenny's Market is still unknown. He advised that the Parks Board had expanded from three members to five members and their first meeting would be next week.

Councilmember Olson thought that the Planning Commission should review some ordinances in regard to the “green energy” discussions held at the Council work session meeting prior to this meeting.

Chair Crump thought that new technologies could be brought into the ordinances in that regard. He discussed the possibility of residents or business owners using green roofs.

Commissioner Skjaret stated that there was also wind and solar technology that would be an option for many people in the next few years.

Commissioner Loosen advised that a project had been proposed a few years ago where the developer would have been required to install a small retention pond; and that caused the developer to pull out of the project.

City Administrator Post advised that in regard to the discussions held at the prior meeting, the credits would be for water quality only and would not factor in size or volume. He advised that there would be stronger watershed district regulations for parcels one acre or larger in the future.

Chair Crump agreed that the Commission should briefly review the ordinances in regard to alternative energy and conservation. He was concerned with the outside sales being conducted at Super America and the issue of enforcement with that company. He thought that all businesses should comply with the ordinance or possibly the ordinance be amended.

City Administrator Post commented that the results of the conditional use permits annual review would be discussed at the June meeting.

Commission Member Business

Commissioner Skjaret noticed a sign stating that the ramp would be closed on May 18th and questioned why or how long it would be closed.

Chair Crump thought that they might be setting the Luce Line bridge.

Commissioner Skjaret questioned in regard to the discussion of a walking path along Daniels Street, would it be the job of the Commission or the Council to move forward on.

City Administrator Post stated that the Public Works Director had concerns with a bike path, given the amount of truck traffic on that road and thought it might be more dangerous.

Commissioner Loosen thought that the next step would be to have the City Attorney review the possibility and legality of a bike path along Daniels.

Commissioner Hultmann thought that the pedestrian crossings should be painted as well.

Commissioner Hoen questioned if there was an update on the water main break.

City Administrator advised that the break was televised and two alternatives to correct the problem had been discussed by the City Council. He advised that the first would be to dig a hole near the Wolf Creek development and another by the railroad tracks to push the pipe out and replace with new pipe. He advised that the second option would be to reline the pipe and that process would be considerably more expensive. He thought the direction of the Council was to obtain bids for the first option to replace the pipes. He thought that the problem was a workmanship issue and advised that the City would investigate pursuing action against the bonding company.

Commissioner Loosen advised that West Lake Assembly of God Church had moved. He advised that another new auto body shop has come to town, Long Lake Collision, which was now up and running.

Staff Business

None.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hultmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Skjaret seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Post
City Administrator