

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bacarella at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of East Tawas City Hall.

Members Present: James Bacarella, Mark Eklund, David Leslie (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Kristina Millard, John O'Neil and Melissa Pehrson

Members Absent: Gerald Cotter (excused) and Council Representative Craig McMurray

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Kaye Chartier, City Manager Ronald Leslie and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Annge Klinger

Pehrson moved, Millard seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 regular meeting as presented.

Pehrson moved, Eklund seconded, CARRIED, to approve a land use permit request from Johnnie and Renee Hayes, 211 Newman Street, 121-A30-019-003-00, for a retail store called New To You under Section 407 B-3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Millard moved, O'Neil seconded, CARRIED, to approve the 2009 meeting schedule as presented.

Leslie arrived during the following discussion.

City Manager Leslie shared information from a seminar he attended regarding wind energy. The City Council would like to allow them in the City, however, the first step is for the Planning Commission to amend the zoning ordinance. He has made contact with Don Wortman of Carlisle Wortman Associates to get proposed language for regulating wind turbines. Members agreed that the ordinance amendment would have to include regulations at both the residential and commercial levels.

Zoning Administrator Chartier shared information she received from Sign Image regarding LED signs along with proposed language for ordinance amendments to regulate LED signs. Pehrson also provided members information from other municipalities who have dealt with LED signs in their communities. Members would like more time to review the information and will place LED signs on the agenda under Unfinished Business for the February meeting.

Millard moved, Pehrson seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Annge Klinger, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer