

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
DRAFT - PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Fruitport Village Planning Commission was called to order on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:06 PM at Fruitport Township Hall, 6543 Airline Rd.

Present: Commissioners Sam Ajwah, Chris LeFaive, Jen Cross, Matt Kotecki

Absent: Jeff Guiles (Excused)

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner LeFaive moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cross and carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner LeFaive moved to approve the agenda for the Sep 13, 2022 meeting. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cross and carried unanimously.

Public Comment Agenda Items:

Roger Vanderstelt, Village President, who present at the meeting gave a couple of updates to the Planning Commission regarding the work and improvement the new owner of Modular System building is doing to the building. As for the green space project in front of the Village Inn, Roger confirmed that it is still to be completed this fall and is on the contractor's list of things to complete.

Correspondence, Reports, & Communication:

Park Playground, Sam on behalf of Jen – One final update regarding this subject since the PC has not met since the completion of this project. Despite shortage in number of volunteers that caused the work to extend into Saturday of that week specifically because of the mulch work the needed to be complete, overall the project was a success and the community stepped up and put in a lot of hard work completing it. Roger V. mentioned that the retainers will need to be redone at some point. The community is definitely taking advantage of the new playground and the children seem to be happy and excited using the much needed and newer equipment. Fundraising effort is still and will continue to be in progress for the time being in an effort to close the gap for the funds that the Village contributed with.

Beautification, All - Commissioner Ajwah mentioned that a plan has to be in place for the flower pots next year and 2 West must be contacted this fall to get this project on their list. Commissioner Cross volunteered to pursue the issue but later and after a call with the Village's Treasurer it was decided to be handled directly by the Village Administration since this became a commitment and a budget that will be to be allocated every year.

As for the green space project on 3rd ave. in front of the Village Inn, as mentioned above it is still in the contractor's plan to complete it this year (fall).

A new project is assigned to Commissioner LeFaive to lead the efforts brainstorming for ideas and plans for the donated land in the park. Commissioner LeFaive will start planning for concepts to be considered.

Another idea for a potential project was suggested by Commissioner Kotecki to select area's within the village and have a local artist submit ideas and plans for mural paintings in selected spots in the village as a part of the beautification overall project. Matt will contact the artist and report back to the commission.

Poles and Flags project – Roger V. was asked to go back and confirm with the DPW the number of flags that are needed and the size to match the Christmas decorations when they are removed. Roger V. followed up with Justin and conveyed that information to the Chair, Sam Ajwah, who in turn ask the Village Treasurer to get in touch with our sign vendor (Compass Design) and get a plan and price for a few to start with next spring.

5/3 Bank & Post Office Update, Sam – USPS is still looking into the agreement. Commissioner Ajwah asked Commissioner Cross to follow up directly with the Grand Rapids USPS office.

The Two non-compliant and not used business signs on 3rd Ave. – Roger V., as the ordinance authority and enforcer, committed to contacting Michigan Township Services to address the issue and contact the owners.

Commissioner Ajwah mentioned that the Owner of Ram Electronics, Brad Davis, reached out to the village inquiring about ordinances and ideas for new developments within the village. Commissioner Ajwah will be reaching out to Brad and report back to the Commission.

Also, Commissioner Ajwah will be contact the Village Administration to prepare hardcopies of ordinances, master and recreational plans and other documents for the PC new Commissioner Matt Kotecki.

New Planning Commissioner Update - nothing further at this time.

Pending Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Items For Review or Action:

- Confirm Next Commission Meeting 10/11/22, 6:00PM, at Fruitport Twp Hall.
- Acting Secretary Ajwah to send attendance sheet to Village Clerk.
- Acting Secretary Ajwah to submit approved Meeting Minutes and Agenda to Village Clerk for public posting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Guiles supported by Commissioner LeFaive. Carried unanimously.

Prepared by Acting Secretary: Sam Ajwah *S. Ajwah*