

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MARCH 26, 2019, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Profeta.

Roll Call: Chair Profeta
Planning Commissioners: Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ketels, Rozycki, Vaughn, Vitale
Absent: None
Also Present: Building Inspector Tutag
Deputy City Clerk Antolin

The Planning Commission, Administration and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Vitale, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance as corrected.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ketels, Profeta, Rozycki, Vaughn, Vitale
NO: None
ABSENT: None

The Chair recognized Council Representative Granger who was in attendance.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Vitale, to receive and place on file, the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes held on February 26, 2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ketels, Profeta, Rozycki, Vaughn, Vitale
NO: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Gilezan, seconded by Ketels, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the following Minutes be approved as submitted:

1. Planning Commission dated February 26, 2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ketels, Profeta, Rozycki, Vaughn, Vitale
NO: None
ABSENT: None

The next item was the **Continued Discussion: Blade signs**. Discussion ensued regarding the intent and purpose of the blade signs and its relationship to amending the sign ordinance. The focus of walkability is a significant factor when considering the intent of the signs. Defining the criteria of the signs is key to drafting an effective sign ordinance. Suggested topics for sign criteria were as follows:

- Limiting size;
- Uniformity vs. uniqueness;
- Colors;
- Projection;
- Positioning;
- Lighting;
- Amount of signs;
- Defining Business District;
- Grandfathering language;
- Quality Materials.

It was suggested that the Building Official present a proposed sign ordinance amendment.

The next item was the **Building Official's Monthly Report**, and the following items were presented for the month of February 2019:

- Increased permit activity;
- Municipal Court cleanup;
- Final hearing on garage demolition;

- Fontana Properties;
- Sign violations on Mack Avenue;
- Legacy Project – possible tour for officials;
- Greco Title building anticipating new businesses.

Council Member Granger reported on the March 2019 Meetings.

Under New Business, the following items were discussed:

- A. **2020 Plan** – No reports
- B. **Branding** – Chair Profeta and Donna O’Keefe provided an update regarding The Avenue in the Woods.
- C. **Crosswalk/Pocket Park** – No reports
- D. **Streetscape** – Discussed Blade signs.

The Building Official was asked to confirm whether scooters on sidewalks are permitted.

Under Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Rozycki, seconded by Fuller, that the Planning Commission Meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
Deputy City Clerk