

**CITY OF INKSTER
PLANNING COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Inkster Planning Commission was held on **Monday, August 10, 2015**, in the Inkster Council Chambers located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141.

A quorum was reached. Commissioner Hendricks called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Brown (6:09 pm), and Commissioners Davis, Garrett, Hendricks, Thomas and Wells

Absent: Vice Chairman Wooten, Secretary Walton and Commissioner Hampton

Others in attendance: M. Jeannie Fields, Community Development Manager
Paul Lippens, McKenna Associates
Saunda Cunningham, Applicant

Public in attendance: Yvette Brock

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Garrett, Seconded by Wells to adopt the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF July 27, 2015

MOVED by Davis, Seconded by Thomas to adopt the minutes of July 27, 2015 with the necessary corrections. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Case # 15-08 (SCU)/15-09 (SP) – 29305 Cherry Hill

Public Hearing to receive input and review special conditions use to operate a child care center in a B-2 (Thoroughfare Mixed Use District). Saunda Cunningham is the applicant.

MOVED by Wells, Seconded by Garrett to open the public hearing. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

An overview of the case was given by Paul Lippens. He recommended approval of the special conditions use and site plan per his planning letter.

Discussion was held regarding the number of youth in the center, the reason for an extended play area and Knox Box (fire department) requirements.

MOVED by Wells, Seconded by Thomas to close the public hearing. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

MOVED by Wells, Seconded by Davis to approve the special conditions use with the conditions noted. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

MOVED by Garrett, Seconded by Wells to approve the site plan with the conditions noted.
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The next step in the process is to seek approval by City Council. City Council makes the final decision.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

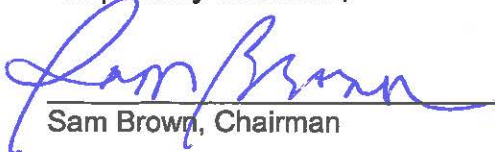
VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A question was raised regarding the status of a previous day care that was approved. Staff will look into the matter.
- Treasurer/Interim City Manager Mark Stuhldreher announced that Jeannie Fields would be staying with the city as Community Development Manager.
- A question was asked regarding shortening the amount of time required for the approval of a planning case. Administrative site plan reviews are being performed for some cases that meet the requirements for such. Staff and the planning consultant are looking for additional ways to expedite the process.
- It was suggested that the Commission should look at the ordinance process during the Master Plan review.
- A question was asked if the city can get to people prior to them buying property. They often purchase property that is not zoned for the use that they are interested in. Though the city has no control over educating individuals prior to them purchasing property, we can ensure that areas are zoned properly. Unfortunately, people do not always do their research or contact the city prior to buying property.
- Chairperson Brown noted that delays in approval of a case are often times not the fault of the city but the applicant. For example, they may not supply all the information needed by the city or the information is incomplete. Additionally, site plan changes may be on-going. The Commissioners need to keep these things in mind before publicly making statements that the process is taking too long and do their research before making these types of statements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 6:34 p.m.

MOVED by Hendricks, Seconded by Garrett to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting held on Monday, August 10, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Sam Brown, Chairman

April Walton, Secretary



M. Jeannie Fields
Community Development Manager