

**CITY OF REED CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION
May 2, 2022**

Chairperson Dawn Montague called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

Present Trevor Guiles, Allison Langworthy, Karen Lea McKinney, Dawn Montague, Courtney Murphy and Rich Saladin. Nate Bailey and Sarah Spruit were absent. There was one citizen in the audience. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

Agenda Motion by Guiles, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as amended with the additions under New Business: b) Discussion on Dog Park and c) Discussion on Chickens. Affirmed by voice vote.

Minutes Motion by McKinney, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022, meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

150 Years Beginning discussion on the planning for the Sesquicentennial. Members discussed an idea to promote tree replacement, "150 trees for 150 years". Rather than individual plaques, there would be one board to list all of the tree sponsors and there would be a map of where trees are planted and who sponsored. Members presented some possible ideas for the celebration. Also talked about the need to form a Sesquicentennial Committee of a group of 5 to 7 people consisting of a representative from Planning Commission, City Council and other. Donna Wheeler would like to be on the 2025 Sesquicentennial Committee.

Council Motion by Langworthy, seconded by Murphy, **CARRIED**, to recommend to City council the Planning Commission support of getting a committee formed and start the planning for the Sesquicentennial. Affirmed by voice vote

Dog Park Councilman Dan Burchett met with the DNR at the location for the proposed site for a Dog Park located behind the Boy Scout building. The DNR indicated they would never relinquish this area. Dan is now looking at the area in the northwest corner of the north parking lot at Westerburg Park to develop as a Dog Park.

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Langworthy, **CARRIED**, to recommend to the City council to consider the location in the Northwest corner of Westerburg Park to be used for a Dog Park. Affirmed by voice vote.

Chickens Discussion on developing a chicken policy to clearly define the criteria and include no free range chickens in the City.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Rich Saladin reported on the following:

- Pocket Park update: The Grant has been sent in for the development of a Pocket Park in the City parking lot next to Pompeii's. The Splash pad committee is working on fund raising for the project.
- Marihuana work study update: Council has two (2) meetings with the City Attorney to review and ask questions about the development of a marihuana ordinance. Council has not made a decision of what the next step is. Zoning is a big part of the development of an ordinance like this.

- Refresh Reed City was on Saturday, April 30th and they had approximately 120 people turnout to volunteer their help. The DPW crew did a ton of preparation work and the day went smoothly. Individuals and businesses have signed up to maintain sections of the downtown area.
- The City has received a check for two grants from the Osceola County Community Foundation. One was a tree fund for \$4,000 and the other is a parks and civic improvement fund for \$3,700. DTE has a \$4,000 matching grant that we are applying for. Received confirmation from the OCCF for a Music & Art in the Park grant. We received \$3,000 for the Crossroads Picnic Showcase and another \$3,500 is going to Art in the Park. We also received another \$3,500 for Programs at the Depot on Saturdays. Rich has talked with a member from the group of Roosevelt Diggs and they are very interested in doing a concert. Rich ask members to think of something unique that we could bring to Saturdays at the Depot.
- Rich highlighted new businesses in town:
 - Reed City Shakes located at 203 W. Upton Avenue, has nutrition shakes and teas.
 - Ebels parking lot to their clothing store and coffee store is newly paved and they are very close to opening.
 - Goodman's store is kinda on pause right now, they are still trying to get a permit from LARA in order to put gas tanks in there.
 - Franchise owners of BIGGBY COFFEE have purchased the old Northend Grocery building. There are two dumpsters there for the demolition. Once it is down, they will need to present a site plan of their store plan to the Planning Commission for approval.
 - Former Chemical Bank (TCF) has been sold and purchased by Northland Area Federal Credit Union. They are headquartered in Alpena.
- Rich attended the Northland Drive Corridor meeting and there was discussion on surveying Chestnut Street and Upton Avenue and possibly putting a traffic light back there.

Public Comment There were no public comments.

Adjourn Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
Recording Secretary