

**CITY OF REED CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION
September 12, 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 Nate Bailey, Allison Langworthy, Karen Lea McKinney, Dawn Montague, Rich Saladin and Sarah Spruit. Trevor Guiles and Courtney Murphy were absent. There is one vacant position on the board. There were citizens in the audience. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

Public Hearing Public Hearing was opened at 6:01 P.M. to receive public comments on the request from Michael and Sara Bloom for a Rezone of 232 S. Chestnut Street from Commercial C-1 Central Business District to Residential R-4 – Multiple Density.

There were no public comments received and no written comments received. The public hearing was closed at 6:02 P.M.

Agenda Motion by Bailey, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Minutes Motion by McKinney, seconded by Langworthy, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the Joint Planning and Council August 8, 2022 meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Rezone Motion by Bailey, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve the rezone of 232 S. Chestnut Street from Commercial C-1 Central Business District to R-3, Single Family Residential District – High Density, also including in the rezone, properties at 310 S. Chestnut Street, 306 S. Chestnut Street and 109 E. Todd Avenue, and to recommend to the City Council for rezone approval for all four properties. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, McKinney, Bailey, Langworthy, Montague, Saladin and Spruit.

Disc Golf Rich pointed out it is a public course just like the ballfields. With the ballfields we defer the scheduling with the leagues, the city does not do that. The Reed City Disc Golf Club will use that as a scheduling feature to publish, post or announce.

New Business

Site Plan Motion by Bailey, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve the site plan for a new addition at J & A Grocery, 702 S. Chestnut Street as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Mountain Bike Skills Track Motion by Bailey, seconded by Langworthy, **CARRIED**, to acknowledge the Mountain Bike Skills Track is not part of the original Recreation Plan but the Planning Commission supports it in addition to the Parks and Rec Plan and recommends that council take a serious look at it. Affirmed by voice vote.

Community Garden Motion by McKinney, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to recommend to City Council the Planning Commission supports development of a community garden somewhere. Affirmed by voice vote.

City Manager: Rich Saladin reported on the following:

- The Splashpad, Pocket Park, committee did not receive the MEDC grant but there are more grants coming up and they will reapply for another grant.
- The City has been awarded a total of \$29.5M in Waste Water Upgrades and Water related grants.
- The Social District is planning three events. October 29th is a fall harvest block party downtown on Upton Avenue. On Friday, November 25th of the Evergreen Festival, the Social District will be open, and New Year's Eve the Social District will be open for a ball drop type activity. All family friendly events.

Public Comment Charles Lupo, of 320 S. Higbee Street, commented he is in support of a community garden. He thinks it would be beneficial for the entire community.

Adjourn Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
Recording Secretary