

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
January 3, 1956

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Roy Weideman.

Members present: Messrs. Goetz, Hanks, Kirby, Stanhurst, Tygart, and Weideman.

Ex-Officio Member: Mayor Brimm.

Others present: City Works Supt. Reed, Councilman Yelton, Messrs. Christianson and Hoagland.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Reports on Recommendations to the Council:

Recom. #14. (Clean-up measures)  
Mayor reported that the City Attorney has an ordinance in regard to this recommendation, in the process of being drawn up.

Recom. #15. (Passing Lane suggestion):  
Mayor reported that a resolution had been given to Mr. Buckhorn and that he would see that it reaches the proper official channels.

Recom. # 17. (Fern Ave. be made a two-way street)  
The Mayor reported that this recommendation had been given the Chief of Police for study but that Chief Cross had declared himself satisfied with the way the one-way traffic was working out. The matter was tabled for 90 days.

Old Business: Brookings Machine Shop temporary permit (Lessard')  
Mr. Reed presented plans for the Brookings Machine Shop for the proposed new building on the temporary permit site, dated 7/29/54.

A discussion was held as to the validity of this permit. Search of records, both of the Council and the Commission, failed to show a written obligation by the Brookings Machine Shop to carry out the 7 points expressly designated in the temporary permit within a year's time from the date it was granted (10/5/54 by the Commission and 10/12/54 by the Council) although verbal and oral expressions on this point were vouched for by remaining members of the Commission that granted the permit. Motion was made by Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Stanhurst that the action taken 12/6/55 in regard to voiding the permit be rescinded. Carried.

Recommendation #18: (Notification of property owners in re: pond hazard)

Motion was made by Mr. Hanks, seconded by Mr. Tygart that the City Council notify the Brookings Machine Shop and The Wranglers Association of the danger caused by impounded waters in the old mill pond adjacent to or on their properties, requesting that they take immediate steps to correct the situation. Unan. carried.  
Mr. Hoagland promised that this situation would be taken care of immediately.

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Rhododendron Terrace:

Mr. Reed presented for Mr. Elmer Bankus, a proposed change in plat plan for Rhododendron Terrace. No petition by adjacent property owners approving this change accompanied the plans so that no action could be taken by the Commission in this matter.

The Secretary was requested to so advise Mr. Bankus and to remind him that that he was advised when he first presented the plat change in March 1955 that such petition was necessary.

Mr. Stanhurst reported, after a month's study, that the comprehensive area plan of the cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph's was a very good one and one that we would do well to follow the portions that could apply locally in order to avoid expense later.

Road and street extension R.O.W.s

Mr. Hanks pointed out the necessity of laying out and acquiring right of ways for the extension and completion of certain city streets.

Sewer Committee Report:

Mr. Hanks, Mr. Yelton and Mr. Reed spoke at length on the City's sewer plans. Mr. Reed and Mr. Yelton explained the sewer assessment plan as set-up, the proposed bond election and gave pertinent information on every phase including the publicity angle.

On motion meeting adjourned.

Gladys Kanick, Secy.