

Rural Southwest Neighborhood Planning Council  
196 Minges Hills Drive Battle Creek MI 49015

19 May 2011

Minutes from Meeting on 10 May 2011

Members Present: Harry Zimmerman, Linda Morris, Rex & Shelby Winslow, Laura Clingenpeel, Sally Wytko, Rebecca Lynn, Ken Rakowski, and Mike Fatt

City Representatives: Chris Hilton and Officer Winer

Guests: Commissioners Walters and Yankama

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:

Regarding Advantage Physical Therapy: Chris Hilton advised that the brush will be reinspected in a week to see if it's been maintained. If not, a citation will be issued.

Chris also reported that the owners at 2939 Gethings Road have been given two weeks to get a license. Also, the "logging" on Columbia Avenue is due to an FAA regulation requiring a specified clear distance from airport runways.

Chris also explained the definition of "vacant and abandoned" as being a residence not occupied for a year. Water bills and other methods are used for determination. After the meeting adjourned, Chris corrected this information. A residential property has to be registered as vacant after 28 days (not a year).

She also reported on the Comcast contract, that the City Manager advised that anyone is allowed to bid on providing cable service, but they would have to put in their own infrastructure (which would be costly).

New Business;

The matter of the "Old School House" and whether the owners had abandoned their right to rent it as an antique store was discussed. Chris stated that her research indicated that since the owners were given a use variance, the question wasn't pertinent since their right to use the property would continue. Some NPC members disagreed and the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Chris was asked to look into who bought the property at the corner of I-94 east bound exit ramp and Beckley Road (offered for sale by Best Realty).

A motion was made and seconded to suspend meetings for the June thru August period. It was approved.

Commissioners Walters and Yankama gave updates on current topics they are working on.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the April minutes and to adjourn this meeting. Both were approved.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting 13 September 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Southside Bible Church**