

**CITY OF REED CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION
January 10, 2022**

Chairperson Dawn Montague called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

Present Trevor Guiles, Karen Lea McKinney, Dawn Montague, Rich Saladin arrived at 7:10 P.M., Sarah Spruit and Natasha Sturdavant. Nate Bailey was 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 presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Minutes Motion by McKinney, seconded by Sturdavant, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021, meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Motion by McKinney, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2021, special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Election Nomination by McKinney, seconded by Spruit, **CARRIED**, to re-elect Dawn Montagues as Chairperson. Affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

Nomination by McKinney, seconded by Sturdavant, **CARRIED**, to re-elect Sarah Spruit as Vice Chairperson. Affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

Rich Saladin arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

2022 Meeting Motion by McKinney, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve Resolution No. 2022-01, a Resolution establishing 2022 Meeting Schedule with the amendment of changing the meeting time to 6:00 P.M. Affirmed by voice vote.

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2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Resolution 2022-01

**Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month
At 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers unless other wise indicated.**

January 10, 2022 (Second Monday)	July 11, 2022 (Second Monday)
February 7, 2022	August 1, 2022
March 7, 2022	September 12, 2022 (Second Monday)
April 4, 2022	October 3, 2022
May 2, 2022	November 7, 2022
June 6, 2022	December 5, 2022

Zoning Administrator's Report

Rich Saladin reported on the following:

- Ebels expansion and drive thru is coming along nicely. The storage building in the back is not quite finished yet.
- The new business people now have a Biggby Franchise for Reed City and they are looking at different locations in Reed City and Richmond Township.
- Has spent time reviewing OPRA and looking at some of the sites that have been designated for that.
- Ace Hardware is up and running. The three store fronts next to it are available for lease.
- Parks and Recreation Plan is a nice report but there has not been a lot done in supporting what the function of what it is. Rich feels recreation is a big vital part of our community and would like to go through Planning Commission and start bringing things to the meetings to see what can be knocked off the list. Also, to work on a comprehensive plan of what members would like to see it look like.
- The City acquired the right-of-way on the west side of North Chestnut Street and into the linear park (where people park). Rich would like to see a connector of the sidewalks on North Chestnut and create a pathway with lights and parking off the road and have it looping around to our trails for bikers and walkers. There also needs to be replanting of trees lost from the September 7th storm.
- Bob Ebels would like to put a billboard sign somewhere along the US10 corridor. Would like to have the Planning Commission making these types of recommendations moving forward.
- Ice skating rink was put in on Saturday. Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Rich and about 20 volunteers and firefighters volunteered to make it happen. It's a test route to see how it is utilized and not a permanent location. Something for the Planning Commission to consider.
- Suggested a work study session of the February Planning meeting. The Capital Improvement Plan will be presented to Planning at the March meeting.
- Need to consider how to remake Rambadt Park. Rich ask members to drive around town and think about what is needed and what could be added.
- Next council meeting on January 18th, Rich will be asking permission to write some grant on different things.
- Received a complaint regarding the condition and disrepair of the Motel. Rich is in discussion with the Chief of Police and City Attorney as to what can be done with it.
- Participated in a round table discussion with a new office under Rural Development a division of Michigan Dept. of Agriculture. Gov. Whitmer led the discussion. Talked about infrastructure issues more than anything. State of Michigan is sitting on a lot of American Rescue Act money and Rich says we need to fight for that for Reed City.

RRC Motion by Guiles, seconded by Strudavant, **CARRIED**, to allow Nate Bailey and Rich Saladin to work together on the list for the trello board, work on items and bring them back to the Planning Commission for review and to act on. Affirmed by voice vote.

Appreciation Rich took the time to say thank you to the Planning Commission for their time and effort in serving the community. He stated, "the value that you bring and the discussion is very very much appreciated. Thank you for what you do".

Public Comment There were no public comments.

Adjourn Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 8:14 P.M.