



**City of Allegan  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Monday, April 18, 2022  
Allegan City Hall Council Chambers  
231 Trowbridge Street Allegan MI 49010  
MINUTES**

1) Call to Order

Vice Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2) Attendance

Present: Julie Emmons, Roger Bird, Tom Slocum, Traci Perrigo, Delora Andrus, Jason Watts, and Tanya Westover.

Absent: Thomas Morton and Alex Wilkening

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager and Lori Castello, PCI.

Motion by Andrus, supported by Westover to approve the absences of Wilkening and Morton. Motion Carried 7-0.

3) Approval of the Agenda Tuesday, April 18, 2022.

Motion by Bird, supported by Perrigo, to approve the agenda for Monday, April 18, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

4) Approval of the meeting minutes from the March 21, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion by Andrus, supported by Westover, to approve March 21, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

5) Public Comment

Let the record show no public comment was received.

6) New Business

6A. Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit Application for to Construct an Accessory Dwelling Unit as a Home Occupation.

Castello gave an overview of the proposed application. During the overview, Castello explained that the property owner at 201 Thomas Street was applying for

a special use permit to construct a detached accessory dwelling unit combined with a garage in the rear yard of their property. Castello then explained that since the City Zoning Ordinance does not define accessory dwelling units but defines accessory apartments, and in turn is inherently unclear, the best process forward is to regulate the accessory dwelling unit as a home occupation. The Planning Commission concurred with this process.

The applicant then presented their plan to the Planning Commission stating that the placement of the structure will be in the center of the rear yard and be set back approximately 100' or greater from any property line. The applicant also noted that this area is very wooded and would be shielded from the neighbors.

Vice Chairman Watts opened the floor for public comment.

George Mohr inquired about the design and potential use of the building.

Motion by Bird to approve the Site Plan and recommend to City Council that the approve the Special Use Application based on the findings of fact listed in the staff report, supported by Emmons. Motion Carried 7-0.

6B. General Discussion regarding the City of Allegan Master Plan.

Castello and Dye gave an overview of where we are with updating the text in our Master Plan. Dye mentioned at the next Planning Commission Meeting we will be reviewing the first draft of the City Master Land Use Plan Map.

8) Reports from Zoning Administrator and City Officers

Dye informed the Planning Commission that at an upcoming meeting, they will be receiving a plan from a developer to create a housing development off River Street.

9) Communications from Commission Members

None

10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Joel Dye, City Manager**