

**CITY OF MASON  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2015**

Reeser called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Commissioners: Barna, Brown, Fischer, Hagle, Reeser, Sabbadin, Scott,  
Absent: Commissioner: Hude (excused), Waxman (excused)  
Also present: David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director  
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Minutes of June 9, 2015**

The regular meeting Minutes of June 9, 2015, were approved.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- David Haywood was congratulated for winning the Brothers of the Beard contest held Thursday, July 2, 2015, for the most authentic beard.
- The Mason Fire Department was thanked for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display.
- All those who participated in the Mason Sesquicentennial over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July were thanked.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**131 East Maple Street (First Presbyterian Church) – Building Addition**

Jackie Hoist, Project Manager, spoke regarding the First Presbyterian Church proposal to construct an addition to provide an elevator and entrance to the existing structure.

Reeser opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m. as there were no comments.

**Resolution 2015-03 – A Resolution Approving a Preliminary and Final Site Plan and Special Use Permit to Construct a 600 Square Foot Building Addition to the Existing First Presbyterian Church Located at 131 East Maple Street**

MOTION by Brown, second by Sabbadin,  
to consider Resolution No. 2015-03 read.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution No. 2015-03 was introduced by Hagle and seconded by Barna.

**CITY OF MASON  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN  
AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 600 SQUARE FOOT  
BUILDING ADDITION TO THE EXISTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH LOCATED AT 131 EAST MAPLE STREET  
July 14, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, a request has been received from the First Presbyterian Church for preliminary and final site plan and special use permit approval to be allowed to construct a 600 square foot building addition to the existing church facility at 131 East Maple Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject property is further described as: Lots 11 & 12, Sec 9 T2N R1W, City of Mason, Ingham Co.

**WHEREAS**, upon compliance with the conditions listed herein, the plans will comply with the site plan review standards listed in Section 94-227, Section 94-191(f), and 94-192(8)(b) of the Mason Code; and

**WHEREAS**, approval is granted with the condition that the applicant shall receive a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for encroaching the minimum required side yard setback and exceeding the maximum lot coverage.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mason Planning Commission does hereby approve a Preliminary and Final Site Plan and Special Use Permit to construct a 600 square foot building addition to the existing church facility at 131 East Maple Street based on the site plan dated June 22, 2015.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2015-04 – A Resolution Approving a Preliminary and Final Site Plan for the Construction of a 4,000 Square Foot Salt Storage Building at 300 East Kipp Road**

John Fischer of J&J Properties of Mason, LLC spoke regarding his request to construct a temporary hoop house shed for storing rock salt. He explained how the construction prevents run off in the event it gets wet from rain or any other source.

MOTION by Brown, second by Sabbadin,  
to consider Resolution No. 2015-04 read.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution No. 2015-04 was introduced by Hagle and seconded by Barna.

**CITY OF MASON  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 4,000 SQUARE FOOT TEMPORARY  
HOOP HOUSE SHED AT 300 EAST KIPP ROAD  
July 14, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, a request has been received from John Fischer for concurrent preliminary and final site plan approval to be allowed to construct a 4,000 square foot hoop house shed for salt storage on property located at 300 E. Kipp Rd., and

**WHEREAS**, the subject property is further described as: All that part of South ½ of SW ¼ of Sec. 9 which lies East of MCRR R/W and West of Barnes St., Sec. 9, T2N, R1W, City of Mason, Ingham County 26.26 acres, and

**WHEREAS**, upon compliance with the conditions of approval, the plans will comply with the site plan review standards listed in Section 94-227 of Chapter 94, Zoning, of the Mason Code; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Mason Planning Commission does hereby approve a preliminary and final site plan to allow the construction of a 4,000 square foot temporary hoop house shed for salt storage based on the plans received June 25, 2015.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**Report – Medical Marihuana Ordinance Subcommittee Activity**

Haywood gave a brief progress report regarding the Medical Marihuana Ordinance Subcommittee. He informed the commission that he requested Tom Hitch to provide a legal opinion regarding the City applying a prescribed distance from a school or park for the purpose of regulating medical marihuana patients and caregivers under the drug free school zone ruling. Mr. Hitch wrote that an action that would materially restrict medical marihuana use within this type of zoning could be potential for litigation.

**Report – Sub-Area Planning Committee Activity**

Haywood requested to postpone the sub-area planning project until staff has more time to commit to the project. It was the consensus of the commission that it would be reasonable to postpone this project to allow staff to focus fully on the medical marihuana ordinance project.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A brief discussion was held on the Auto Zone development.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Brown informed commissioners regarding current City Council business.

**DIRECTOR REPORT**

Haywood informed the Commission regarding current zoning and development business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

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Seth Waxman, Secretary