

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING
COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Freitag at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call Showing: Jerry Frederick, Mike Glotfelty, David Paul, Michael Prybyla, Celeste Roscoe, Edna Talon-Jemison, Melvin Zilka and Cathy Freitag

Excused: Daniel McAnally

Also in attendance: Carol Maise, City Planner; Timothy Keyes, Economic Development Director; and Bobbie Marcell, Secretary.

3. Motion by Zilka supported by Glotfelty to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zilka, Glotfelty, Paul, Frederick, Talon-Jemison, Roscoe, Prybyla and Freitag. Nays – none. Motion Carried.

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on Monday, April 20, 2015.
5. Comments from Public on Non Agenda Items
6. Public Hearings
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - A. PC-2015-015; **PackSpec**, requesting waivers to access management, outdoor storage, and landscape standards for the addition of 8 truck wells on existing 174,140-sq. ft. building and pavement expansion to widen existing driveways at **8111 Middlebelt**. Parcel #80-046-99-0032-700. Zoning – M-T, Industrial Transportation. (Action required: action on Zoning Ordinance waivers.)
 - B. Master Plan Update 2015 – Kick-off – LSL Planning
 - C. PC-2015-017; Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 3.06(c), Commercial Vehicles
 - D. PC-2015-018; Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 11.16, Oil and gas Wells
 - E. PC-2015-019; Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 21.02, Enforcement
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10. Reports

A. Chairperson

B. City Planner

1. Planning Department Status Report

11. Reports on Interest Designation

12. Communications

13. Adjournment

4. Motion by Glotfelty supported by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on Monday, April 20, 2015. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Glotfelty, Roscoe, Prybyla, Talon-Jemison, Frederick, Paul, Zilka and Freitag. Nays – None. Motion carried.

5. Comments from Public on Non Agenda Items – None.

Ms. Freitag asked for any comments from the public, seeing no one, closed that portion of the meeting.

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Bennett Donaldson, JB Donaldson Company, stepped forward as the petitioner.

Mr. Donaldson gave a brief presentation and explanation of what PackSpec is proposing and the they type of work they perform.

- Ms. Freitag asked if Mr. Donaldson had received a copy of their report.
- Mr. Donaldson stated that he had.
- Ms. Maise said that she highlighted the review process in a chart in her report since it's not a typical site plan and there are several components of the proposed development. For example, the orientation of the overhead doors has to go to BZA along with a few other things. While the plan itself is an administrative review, the waivers to various standards need to be approved by the Planning Commission. Marcus McNamara (city engineer) created graphic illustrating the driveway spacing which must be included on the revised site plan. She also mentioned the rooftop screening and the landscape plan.
- Ms Freitag asked if this is an existing business.
- Mr. Donaldson replied that it is and they are currently located in Ecorse.

- Ms. Freitag clarified and asked if they would be moving to Romulus.
- Mr. Donaldson responded that is correct.

Ms. Freitag opened the meeting to questions and comments from the commissioners.

- Mr. Paul asked how the driver will know which truck well to go to.
- Mr. Donaldson answered there will be shipping and receiving docks and the trucks will either be bringing in incoming product, or outgoing.
- Mr. Paul asked if the driver would have to get out and go in to determine which door to use.

Jim Gracie, General Manager of PackSpec stepped forward to answer questions.

- Mr. Gracie answered that they go to the first open bay door in the receiving section. The other dock wells at the far end or east end of the building are for their drivers. They will come in and will be assigned to a truck and they will drive up to an indicated bay and pull out from the same bay.
- Mr. Paul wanted to verify that there will be no one parking in the road waiting to find out what bay to pull into.
- Mr. Gracie stated that no one would be parked in the road at any time. They currently receive about five (5) truckloads of product throughout the day and they have five (5) bays. They will also have staging on the far side of the building if they are full for receiving. They stage it themselves with a spotter to move stuff around.
- Mr. Paul stated that he sees a lot of catch basins and asked where all the water is going since he did not see any outlets.
- Mr. Donaldson answered that they are part of a regional detention system that doesn't have detention onsite; it wasn't originally designed with onsite water retention. They are maintaining that current design.
- Mr. Paul asked where the outlet is.
- Mr. Donaldson responded that he does not know where the outlet is. They are tying into the existing structure, storm system.
- Mr. Paul noted that the drawing shows the storm sewer and the line just quits. He asked if flows continuous.
- Mr. Donaldson answered yes and he doesn't know that final destination.
- Mr. Paul noted the amount of parking. He asked about the east parking lot area that surrounds the house and asked if that is going to be used also.
- Mr. Donaldson replied that is correct. They are trying to find out who owns that house. He continued and noted the empty trailer staging and shop employee parking which will surround the house.
- Mr. Paul asked if they are going to be redoing the parking.
- Mr. Donaldson responded that they will be redoing parts of it starting with the truck parking area. It is pretty tore up and they will redo the rest of it as needed.
- Ms. Maise added that during the next step, which is engineering and building review, the Building Department will decide if these improvements to the pavement are going to be a phased improvement.
- Mr. Paul responded there are a lot of catch basins, a lot of water it has to go somewhere.
- Ms. Maise stated Marcus assured her it would get addressed during engineering review.
- Mr. Paul wanted to ensure it had been looked at.
- Mr. Prybyla stated that on the plans submitted he thought there was a name on the home.

- Mr. Donaldson replied Donald Brown.
- Mr. Prybyla asked if they were able to find him.
- Mr. Donaldson replied that they have been working on it but have been running into dead ends.
- Ms. Maise commented that there is water being used.
- Mr. Prybyla questioned that they were asking for a waiver to the greenbelt not only along Smith Road but the buffer screening around the adjacent residential. They're asking for a waiver but on the plans it shows some type of barrier or fence on the east side toward the home that people are living in.
- Mr. Donaldson said he believes there is a fence on the east side currently in existence.
- Mr. Prybyla asked if they intended to make it even more isolated.
- Mr. Donaldson replied they hadn't planned on much more screening on that side of the property.
- Mr. Prybyla asked if the trucks would be rolling in and out all hours of the night and day. He is concerned about the resident that is living there right now, whether there will be vehicles coming in and out all the time. Also, will there be lights in the parking lot.
- Mr. Donaldson mentioned that currently there are parking lot lights in that parking lot.
- Mr. Prybyla stated that he is concerned about it and he asked if the other house is vacant.
- Mr. Donaldson noted that it appears to be abandoned and it would need quite a bit of work to be livable.
- Mr. Prybyla referenced the last page on the photograph and asked about the fencing.
- Mr. Donaldson responded along the east side, that the parking lot is basically the property line between the homeowner that actually lives there.
- Mr. Prybyla asked about the cyclone fence.
- Mr. Donaldson confirmed there's a chain link fence.
- Mr. Prybyla stated that he is just concerned with protecting his property.
- Mr. Donaldson said there aren't a lot of opportunities for plantings with close proximity to the pavement and the fence.
- Mr. Frederick questioned the hours of operation.
- Mr. Gracie explained the hours and the addition of a second shift and additional staff.
- Mr. Frederick asked the number of staff.
- Mr. Gracie stated the numbers and added that they are going to hire from the area.
- Ms. Freitag asked if they were moving due to size growth.
- Mr. Gracie stated yes.
- Mr. Glotfelty questioned the manufacturing process which Mr. Gracie explained.
- Mr. Zilka asked if residents were to complain, would he would take care of it.
- Mr. Gracie stated to the best of his ability he would.
- Mr. Frederick questioned the neighbor in proximity to the building.
- Ms. Freitag appreciated the fact that they are coming to Romulus, occupying a vacant building and employing Romulus residents.

Ms. Freitag closed discussion and questions portion of the meeting.

- Ms. Maise explained that the shared access agreement noted in her report may not be necessary if they don't intend to use it.
- Mr. Donaldson concurred that they don't anticipate using the access.
- Ms. Maise suggested that be noted in the motion.
- Mr. Paul questioned approving the site plan.
- Ms. Maise explained that the site plan falls under the authority of the ARC committee.

- Mr. Frederick questioned a large overhead pipe at the rear of the building that is noted on the plan.
- Mr. Donaldson stated that getting a vehicle past it is highly unlikely.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Paul, Glotfelty, Frederick, Talon-Jemison, Roscoe, Prybyla, Zilka and Freitag. Nays – none. Motion Carried.

B. Master Plan Update 2015 – Kick-off – LSL Planning

Brad Strader, LSL Planning stepped forward as the City’s Planning Consultant,. Mr. Strader gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the Master Plan 2015 Update.

- Ms. Freitag stated the Master Plan had been revised in 2009.
- Ms. Maise added that was an update to the 2004 Plan.
- Mr. Strader commented that in 2004 it hadn’t been done in about 20 years.
- Ms. Freitag responded that things change, times change and trends change. She doesn’t see anything here that was over and above what we have here.
- Mr. Strader said the 2009 Plan was a tweaking and a refresher whereas the 2004 was basically a new plan. He introduced Michelle Foster from LSL who provided handouts on Rapid Transport to share with the commissioners.
- Ms. Maise informed the commission that since LSL is directly involved with the RTA, that they are getting a bonus on this.
- Mr. Strader explained there is a new group named the Regional Transit Authority. After decades in Detroit having different transit systems the legislature put together the Regional Transit Authority who look at coordination of all the different transit players in Metro Detroit and Ann Arbor including the Rider, AATA in Ann Arbor, SMART, DDOT, and the People Mover. So now the RTA is to organize transit throughout the region. They are undertaking four projects right now; one is to do a Transit Master Plan, to be done by the end of the year. A Master Plan for the four county areas with buses and all types of transit. There are three corridors that they are looking at rapid transport transit. Mr. Strader explained the routes that are being proposed. He asked whether the commission felt a connection from the rapid transport station to the Airport was important or not that important.
- Ms. Freitag responded it is very important because there is a lot of traffic that comes through the Airport.
- Mr. Strader stated that it would alleviate some of the congestion through the airport. Any shift in the traffic to the transit would be a benefit to the City.
- Mr. Prybyla asked what are the chances of this actually happening.
- Mr. Strader replied that the RTA is doing an analysis of cost and need. In November 2016 there would be a vote to determine support and it would determine what people would want out of the transit. The potential now is better than it has ever been. Metro Detroit is the largest area without some type of rapid transit.
- Mr. Strader asked, in terms of Land Use Goals, which goals hold the most importance and which may be not be relevant anymore.

- Ms. Talon-Jemison commented that providing for solid residential uses and incorporating open space elements are extremely important. It is actually a move towards the future.
- Ms. Freitag added that it should be a diversified and balanced mix.
- Mr. Strader noted that to keep the residential solid instead of allowing the intrusion, people need some open space, and they need to feel part of their neighborhood.
- Mr. Prybyla added that when he was in Pennsylvania he saw some new subdivisions going in and something that interested him was a walking path around and through the neighborhood. It didn't go outside the subdivision but made it available for people who live within the subdivision.
- Mr. Strader agreed that the residential paths are a great idea to add to connecting open spaces.
- Mr. Zilka asked about the money going into the bike path along I-275.
- Mr. Strader explained that it is determined by the State of Michigan what they want to do with the path along I-275. Mr. Strader added that we may be able to make use of our right-of-ways connecting us to Taylor and other surrounding communities.
- Mr. Zilka asked what can be done about the path.
- Mr. Strader responded the State determines where there funds are allocated and they feel the way they can connect regionally is to do it in the right of way and that is why they built the path there.
- Mr. Paul stated that they enjoy the bike path and use it often.
- Mr. Zilka responded that he never sees anyone using it.
- Mr. Paul stated a lot of people are out Saturday mornings.
- Ms. Freitag added that a lot of people used the bike path when it was first built.
- Mr. Paul added until it fell apart. He thinks we should have our own paths tying into that.
- Mr. Strader commented that when people look to move they are looking for different modes of transportation and outdoor activities. The city has such a nice indoor facility (RAC) and it would be nice to also have an outdoor means for recreation.
- Ms. Maise recalled that was one of the things that came out in the Vision study. As Mr. Paul said getting the sidewalks and bike paths connected is important. There are a lot of people who have bikes, who don't just walk or ride for recreation, it is their main source of getting places and if those paths are contributing to that we need to find where the connections are so they can be better utilized.
- Mr. Strader stated that at the airport he saw three bikes parked in the bike rack in the airport. The Airport staff said they have employees that bike to work.
- Mr. Frederick added that the proximity to the Metro Parks and the bike paths in it also across I-275 to the south of us. To tie Romulus into that system would be a good thing.
- Mr. Strader talked about the impression people driving through Romulus get from the freeway frontage and to think of it as the building's and city's front yard.
- Ms. Freitag added that the visual from the overhead view has also been discussed as being very important.
- Mr. Strader said reuse has been tricky with the upgrading of businesses to make it economical for new tenants to come in and tidy up an old building without initially overextending themselves.
- Ms. Talon-Jemison stated that we may have a plan and an ordinance but enforcement is a major issue that needs to be addressed.
- Mr. Strader stated that is something that has to be looked into, it's not really a Master Plan issue, but could be a policy in the Master Plan. It has come out of Envision Romulus as being something of concern.
- Mr. Strader discussed transportation goals to create a safe and coordinated transportation system. Envision Romulus showed that road repair and maintenance was at the top of the list of concerns.
- Mr. Glotfelty stated that he is not a huge fan of the SMART bus system he knows it is needed and required, but he drives around adjacent communities and there is a sheltered bus stop with a

garbage container and when you come into Romulus you see a sign and garbage. It is just a mess he knows that it is not part of the plan but needs to be addressed.

- Mr. Strader stated that he recalls that SMART will set up a stop but it would be up to the City to maintain it like making sure the trash is emptied. A way to get people to use it more is to provide amenities.
- Mr. Glotfelty mentioned that he travels Eureka Road a lot. He drives through Taylor and sees a nice covered area for people to stand under in rain or fowl weather and in Romulus people are standing in people's yards and you see garbage everywhere. It doesn't look very nice. He wouldn't want it in his yard but something needs to be done about it, it needs to be addressed.
- Mr. Strader replied that one of the goals we can add is to have some transit amenities installed, making sure they are in the right location and to make them comfortable for people and that they are well maintained.
- Mr. Zilka asked why they don't install garbage cans on the buses and pointed out that it may only take a seat away.
- Mr. Prybyla stated that he was referring to the people waiting for the bus.
- Mr. Zilka said yes but when they get on the bus they could use the garbage can on the bus.
- Mr. Strader added that one of the tricky parts of transit is that the people don't have a car for whatever reason and to improve the transit system we need to appeal to the persons who do have a car but may chose to use the transit on occasion because it is safe and dependable. If the RTA vote goes through that would possibly be one of their priorities in their budget.
- Mr. Frederick commented that Shook Road ends at Wick Road and if that were connected to Ecorse Road it would connect Downtown to Ecorse Road and Shook just parallels the railroad tracks.
- Mr. Strader said that would be a good thing to look at.
- Mr. Frederick added that it would become a corridor.
- Mr. Glotfelty expressed the fact that we don't have any enforcement on our roads. He spoke with the weight master that day about Inkster Road. Inkster Road is a class B road, we get no enforcement over there and the roads are just crumbling. It is an enforcement issue and every day it gets worse.
- Mr. Zilka commented that we have the heaviest weight limits in the United States, we need to do something to cut the size of the loads down which is tearing up the roads.
- Mr. Glotfelty added that we have to enforce what we have got and we are not doing it.
- Mr. Strader discussed community facilities and natural resources and asked which the most important going into the future is.
- Mr. Prybyla noted that he cannot tell what is most important for the future but he can tell what is impressive now is the Romulus Athletic Center. It draws people from different communities as well as Romulus residents.
- Mr. Strader stated that there are only a handful of communities in Metro Detroit and Ann Arbor that have a facility that is an indoor facility. Any other things that you would like to see.
- Mr. Prybyla recommended upgrading the library and the post office. He feels the post office should be first class instead of working out of Taylor.
- Mr. Strader discussed the industrial plan categories and provided some explanation as to the uses.
- Ms. Maise mentioned that the area in the north east section needs attention. There are small pockets of residential which need discussion as to what will be done with them. She gets requests to move the heavy industrial limits down but the area needs to be more specifically addressed.
- Mr. Strader agreed that homework needs to be done on the area and heavily discussed.
- Mr. Strader discussed possible areas for housing.

- Ms. Maise commented on the Merriman school area, that a temporary use for a food program had been approved, the dog park is there and it is becoming a transition area for institutional uses as well as high density facilities.
- Mr. Strader asked if there were any other ideas for the Downtown or Metro Center areas.
- Ms. Freitag responded that once that outlet gets built we will see a lot of activity and will need to be very diligent as to what goes in. She recommended putting multiple family housing.
- Mr. Strader stated that we want to be careful as to not make it too commercial, over saturating the areas traffic.
- Ms. Talon-Jemison added that it would be a good area for senior housing. With two current structures, and an aging population, we don't seem to have adequate senior housing in Wayne County as it is. This may be a great opportunity to add that in with the mixed use.
- Mr. Strader agreed and added that the Metro Center what we're thinking is having mixed residential north and west of the lakes, the commercial congregated around the intersection and entertainment added later.
- Ms. Freitag asked that the lakes would be kept public.
- Mr. Strader agreed yes, keeping the lakes public and maybe adding the trails around the lake.
- Mr. Prybyla questioned if there was a condominium project proposed over the abandoned golf course originally.
- Mr. Strader stated that the site plan was approved but they never got started. They thought that was a pretty good plan.
- Ms. Freitag stated that it was a good thing because there was a little too much residential encroaching on the lakes.
- Mr. Strader explained the timeline of the phases of the Master Plan.
- Mr. Strader added that some goals are City wide goals and some are specific to certain areas. We want to make this Master Plan shorter and a lot more graphically oriented. When the Planning Commission is comfortable with the draft, they send it to Council, it goes for public review and there are 42 days to review it after the 42 days a public hearing is set up the Commission listens to the public, after the public hearing we adopt the plan and then it is sent to City Council for approval.
- Ms. Freitag asked so at this point in time there are no meetings we need to be involved in.
- Ms. Maise responded at this point no; staff will work with LSL and more information will be provided at the June or July meeting.

C. PC-2015-017; Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 3.06(c), Commercial Vehicles

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- Ms. Maise reported that we are doing more zoning ordinance amendments and all three of these are coming from different departments. She wanted the commission to look at them prior to the June public hearing. These are based on things that are going on in the City. The oil and gas well amendment is actually a City Council initiated item. They directed the City Attorney to draft a moratorium on fracking. Now he is in the process of writing an ordinance and in their packets they have a short summary of what he is working on. There is also an amendment pertaining to enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance. The Mayor has assigned a “rock” to the Public Safety Director to get code enforcement going and we discovered that currently only the Building and Safety Director can issue tickets.
- Mr. Prybyla questioned the commercial vehicles. He asked if someone brought just the cap of a semi truck and parked it in his driveway is that allowed.

- Mr. Paul stated you can't do that since there is a height issue. It also states no semi tractors. One concern is a vehicle with pipes. He stated it is scratched out but he would like to see it kept in.
- Ms. Maise explained that the proposed amendment is being brought before them to review so they can make recommendations to Council with things they would like to see added or eliminated.
- Mr. Paul asked if the Chief of Staff and the Director of Building has been talked to since he doesn't understand why it was taken out in the first place.
- Ms. Maise replied that the recommendation came from the Chief of Staff and Public Safety Department to better accommodate some current situations with people bringing their work vehicles home and needing a place to park them. They usually involve residents that are on call or the vehicle may be their only means of transportation. Most of them are not huge vehicles but they may have brackets or ladders on them and they also have company logos attached.
- Mr. Paul stated that he isn't so worried about the company logos.
- Mr. Frederick commented on a shift away from what we are used to as a work truck or van. Ford Motor Company has a van that measures 9-foot 6-inches or up to that height and allows all work components including ladders inside of the van. He stated it is a very large van but may accommodate the working individual.
- Ms. Maise asked if Mr. Frederick thinks that it should read up to 9 - 10 feet.
- Mr. Frederick stated that he just wanted to make it known that those options are available.
- Ms. Talon-Jemison agreed because it is an aesthetic feature. She added that maybe it can be a requirement to park them where they are not in view of the neighbor or parked in their garage. Those are some other options so they could have those vehicles just outside of view of the public.
- Ms. Roscoe commented that the size of the vehicles may make it impossible to park them in a garage.
- Ms. Talon-Jemison stated that as long as they are out of the view of the public. People who have extra parking on the side of the property or towards the back, out of site. It depends on the neighborhood; there are rural areas where they may be able to park those types of vehicles. She said it would depend on a case by case basis. She stated her homeowner's association has a rule prohibiting parking of these vehicles.
- Ms. Maise clarified that her homeowner's association regulates it.
- Ms. Talon-Jemison stated that they do although there are no issues with company signage because they decided to waive that. As long as they are not aesthetically displeasing to the rest of the residents, they understand these people have to work. There is one truck, that is a bug truck that one neighbor is bugged about.
- Ms. Maise stated that some of the issues with trying to distinguish and differentiate between the subdivisions where everyone is real close and the larger properties makes it harder and that is why general rules need to apply. When the homeowner's association is mentioned it seems like that is where a lot of these rules are regulated and the City doesn't even need to get involved.
- Ms. Freitag stated that there are also a lot of areas where residents have large motor homes and they will park those or also travel trailers.
- Mr. Zilka added boats.
- Ms. Maise stated that the section regarding those things seem to be working very well. What does the board think about taking D out all together?
- Mr. Paul stated he thinks we should stick with Mr. Frederick's recommendation.
- Ms. Freitag stated maybe write it at less than 10 feet.
- Mr. Prybyla asked why it was ever written for 7 feet if anyone knew.
- Mr. Frederick stated that it accommodates for the fiberglass top on the Econoline vehicles as they are 7 feet.
- Mr. Paul states he agrees with the 10 feet.

- Mr. Glotfelty noted that the markings are tricky.
- Mr. Frederick agreed. There is a box truck parked in his neighborhood, he drives it for work but believes it is a little above and beyond.
- Ms. Maise responded that ultimately we want to keep the semi trucks and bigger vehicles like that out. There are so many which will fall into the grey area which is why it is best to describe it clearly.
- Mr. Frederick responded an example is R.J. Perry, he has very nice trucks which may have larger equipment and commercial markings, but they are well kept. The company is a great company which does exceptional work and he is a great community leader but may fall into that grey area. We need to be very careful how we approach these vehicles. Maybe fixing one thing may harm something else in another area.
- Ms. Maise recommended to take a look at it over the next few weeks and collect any information they would like to discuss during the public hearing.
- Mr. Frederick stated it could even be something to keep it so far from the sidewalk, if it fits in the driveway and stays a certain distance from the sidewalk maybe it would be ok.
- Ms. Maise commented that it already is in the ordinance to keep from hanging over the sidewalk.
- Ms. Roscoe recommended something where they can't park in the road. That is a hazard, you can't see to back around it which is very dangerous.
- Mr. Frederick commented that for instance you could say "curb to street".
- Mr. Strader noted from setback to sidewalk and if there is no sidewalk it could be a certain amount of distance from the pavement. Because it can be a safety issue when backing out if you cannot see.
- Mr. Paul stated that there is a family van that parks on his street it makes it more difficult to see when backing out of his driveway, he's never come close to having an accident, he just has to be more careful and aware when backing out. He doesn't have a problem with it,
- Mr. Zilka stated that there are also people who own multiple acres and they should be able to park whatever they want on that.

Ms. Freitag closed the meetings to comments and questions.

9. PC-Cases Involving Advice or Input from the Planning Commission – None.

10. Reports

A. Chairperson

- Ms Freitag commented that things went very well for Linda McNeil's Fundraiser. Over \$18,000 was raised to help with living and medical expenses while she is receiving treatment.
- Ms. Freitag wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

B. City Planner

1. Planning Department Status Report

- Ms. Maise stated that Storage of America will be before them at the next meeting.

11. Reports on Interest Designation

- Ms. Roscoe announced all upcoming events for the next month going on around the City. She also wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.
- Ms. Freitag thanked Brad and Michelle for coming to the meeting and making such a wonderful presentation.

12. Communications – none.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Prybyla supported by Zilka to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Prybyla, Zilka, Roscoe, Talon-Jemison, Frederick, Paul, Glotfelty and Freitag. Nays – None. Motion Carried.


Michael Prybyla, Secretary
City of Romulus Planning Commission

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