

**Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission**  
**Minutes of Work Session**  
**June 27, 2019**

Present: Dailey, Hoenig, Horgan, Irwin, Liesch, Rise.

Absent: Friedrich, Kostrzewa, Ortman.

Staff: Kain

1) The role of the Planning Commission

Kain provided each Planning Commissioner with a copy of *The Planning Commission*, a publication created by the Michigan Association of Planning which offers a succinct overview of the role of a Planning Commissioner and common work items which come before Planning Commissions in Michigan. Kain reviewed the Planning Commission's role in making decisions related to site plan reviews, special use permits, and rezoning requests.

2) Effective meetings and decision making

Kain expressed appreciation for the work the Planning Commission puts in to meeting preparation, including reviewing packets carefully and bringing forward good questions for discussion. Kain reminded the Planning Commission that staff is a support for them and to please contact staff if additional information can be brought forward to a meeting to allow for productive discussion. Kain also reminded the Planning Commission that it is important that decisions be made in accordance with City ordinances and that reasons for nay votes be articulated during discussion on the relevant motion so that they can be included in the record and a more defensible outcome can be produced.

3) Training

Kain reminded the Planning Commission that there are funds budgeted for training and to notify staff of any opportunities that they wish to take part in. Staff intends to bring forward at least one training per quarter as part of a work session, as time allows.

There being no further business the work session was adjourned by general consent at 8:09 p.m.

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