

**CITY OF PLAINWELL  
MINUTES  
Planning Commission  
May 16, 2018**

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p. m. by Lubic
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Jay Lawson, Chris Haas, Rachel Colingsworth, Lori Steele, Diana Lubic, Jim Higgs  
Excused: Gary Sausaman
4. Approval of Minutes – 05/02/18  
**Haas Motioned to approve minutes, as received seconded by Lawson. Minutes approved on an all in favor voice vote.**
5. Chairperson’s Report: - None
6. New Business:
  - A. **Site Plan Review** for Gecko Products addition of a pole barn. Plans were reviewed and Higgs motioned to move the plan forward to City Council for final approval, seconded by Haas. **Site Plans approved to move forward to City Council with an all in favor voice vote.**
  - B. Lubic closed meeting at 7:10 p.m. to open the Public Meeting at 7:11 p.m. for Special Use Permit for 122 W. Hill St., by the Plainwell Counseling Center. Cheryl Parente-Roggow presented to the Commission their plans regarding the house and use of the space. Commissioners asked about landscaping, took comments from Mr. Marshal Howrigan, 121 W. Grant St. who is in favor of the Counseling Center taking ownership of this property, that backs up to his property and he felt that they will be better neighbors then the previous owners.  
Lubic closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m. **a motion was made by Higgs and seconded by Haas to approve and move forward the Special Use Permit to City Council. It was approved by an all in favor voice vote.**
7. Old Business: None
8. Public Comments – None
9. Reports and Communications:
  - A. None
10. Staff Comments:

Siegel reported that a \$650 dollar donation was received from Anna R. Pipp Foundation to be used for the Michigan Milestone Plaque celebrating Plainwell’s 150 year celebration in 2019.
12. Commissioner Comments:

Lawson mentioned the Ransom District Library expansion and was surprised to hear about it in the paper. Steele agreed that this was a poor way to announce to the Community about the millage and questioned why they were building on the same location. Haas commented that announcements were made via newsletters, emails and meetings for the public had been already been taken place.

Higgs asked if parts of the library will be preserved, Haas responded yes. This will be on the August Primary.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager