

Planning Commission Minutes – September 7, 2016

The Planning Commission met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Services Building, 304 N. Church Street, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Members Present: Jeff Betts, Judy Ennis, Brady Gaskins, Gary Hess, Mark Hollenbaugh and Kris Phillips

Members Absent: Ryan Holley, Richard Michel and Erica Sleek

Minutes: Minutes of the July 6, 2016 Planning Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

LOBBY VISITATION

None

ORDINANCE REVISION

To Section 150.16 concerning the Maximum Number of Floors in all Zoning Districts.

Jeff Betts, chairperson, set this for Public Hearing at the October 5, 2016 meeting.

REPORTS

Representative to Zoning Board of Appeals

Judy Ennis gave a report on the July 13, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting which originally had 6 cases on the Agenda. The first request was for a driveway expansion that would encroach 3 feet into the required 3 foot setback at 311 Ridge Street. The second request was for the construction of a 24 foot by 27 foot garage addition that would encroach into the required setbacks at 930 Fairview Avenue. The third and fourth requests were neighbors wishing to expand their driveways so they would attach directly on the property line at 1214 and 1216 Finch Drive. The fifth request was for an accessory building to encroach into the side yard setback at 518 Erie Court. The sixth request which was withdrawn, was for extra parking spaces at an Applebees that would have been located at 1175 South Main Street. All of the requests were approved, except for the sixth request at the proposed Applebee's location that was withdrawn by the applicant.

Planning Department

Ms. Sayler gave a report on behalf of the Planning Department, and spoke on the number of permits in comparison to that of this time last year, which are stable at 270 permits, compared to 275 at this time last year. Additionally, 25 permits were issued to build single-family houses, compared to 20 at this time last year.

She advised of City Council holding the first reading of Resolution #3639, which declared the City owned real estate of 215 West Wooster Street, (Old Junior High Site) open public space.

Ms. Sayler spoke of revisions that were made to Chapter 94 of the Refuse and Litter Ordinance with an effective date of August 31, 2016 and handed out materials that stipulate the regulations. It was also discussed that the Planning Department had made revisions to the New Resident Newsletter which is mailed to all new home owners within the City limits and a copy was distributed.

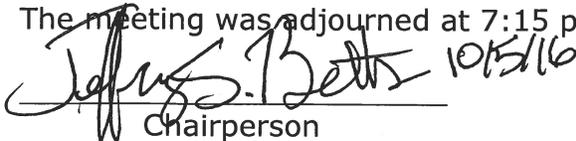
Ms. Sayler advised the city had its first of many community meetings which was led by Camiros, the planning consultant team selected to create the Bowling Green Community Action Plan. It was also mentioned at the meeting the community members in attendance had voted and selected a logo for the project. She also announced that a separate website had been linked to the City of Bowling Green webpage and a Facebook page had been created recently for this project. The basis of the social media and web presence was to help supply the community with the most up to date information regarding the Community Action Plan.

Ms. Sayler handed out a summary regarding the sessions she attended at the the International Town & Gown Association Conference in Chicago, and advised of a link that was emailed to members for viewing of the completed report.

Lastly, the commission was advised of the passing of the Ohio Medical Marijuana Law, which is known as House Bill 523. Ms. Sayler advised the bill was adopted with no regulations in regards to zoning, and a moratorium was suggested to Council, but not approved. She also advised that the administration will continue to monitor the situation and will most likely need to update of the Zoning Code in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Chairperson


Secretary