

Planning Commission Minutes
September 11th, 2018

Bob Gaglione called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Councilman Bob Gaglione, Councilman Scott Weaver, Commission Member Wes Hawkins

Others present: Village Solicitor; Michele Stuck, Village Administrator; John E. Trew, Administrative Assistant; Chelsea Gregor, and Tom Aldrich

- ❖ Motion to approve the August 14th Planning meeting minutes by Scott Weaver, 2nd by Bob Gaglione- All Ayes

Citizens-Tom Aldrich

Tom brought up the Special Council meeting with the County and the potential water production that could be added to the Village's water production and revenue. He then talked about the Mats Rd. bridge and how the reconstruction of it would be a major asset to the companies and trucks that use Orchard St. and Main St. Tom said that the river would have to be dragged of trees near the bridge, and that he did notice that when the Akron Watershed releases their water at LaDue Reservoir, it would visibly raise the river water in the Village for a day. Scott asked Tom why the bridge was abandoned, and he said that there was not much truck traffic in the 1980's and that the water and sewer plants had not been built yet. The Mayor and John will discuss the Mats Rd. bridge with Christine Wagner from ODOT. John said that the Mats Rd. bridge needs to be out of the 100-year flood plain, and that the only current way to get to the Village sewer plant is through Stamm's driveway off Orchard St.

Tom also suggested creating a road along the old railway next to the western portion of the Headwaters trail to Mennonite Rd. He said it would help alleviate traffic from Orchard St. and Main St. Michele said that the area along the old railway leading to Mennonite Rd. has already been promised to the Portage Parks District. An agreement with the Village has already been made to alleviate the issue of managing the trail.

John stated that Ohio Edison would be able to move the pole on the corner of Orchard St. and Main St., and that they will respond quickly once a plan is agreed upon to widen the turning radius.

Zoning Inspectors Report

On file in clerk's office

Old Business

Wes brought some rental inspection guidelines from Shaker Heights to share. He stated that he liked the criminal nuisance activity violation, and that it would help to remove any renters that are not a good fit to the community. The various inspection guidelines were discussed, and it was agreed that they were good, basic inspection guidelines. Bob asked about any egress guidelines to make sure there were safe exits for renters.

Wes asked John how long inspections might take and he stated between 1-2 hours. John recommended hiring another inspector to focus on rental inspections.

Wes brought up his opposition to allowing room renters in the Village, as well as the amount of vehicles allowed per property and how many should be allowed to park on the street.

Planning discussed how many unrelated people should be allowed to reside in one residence and if it should be changed. Michele stated that the type of renters could vary from two couples, to four college age students making the situations variable.

Planning also discussed what a license inspection fee should cost, adding that the fee is not to make money but to ensure that the inspector's time and costs are covered.

Lastly, the Orchard St. / Rt. 44 intersection improvement project costs were discussed. The money to fund the project would come from the state, business donations and then the Village would fund the remainder. John said that the W. Prospect St. project would be the last paving project of the year, and that the Orchard St. / Rt. 44 project would be sometime next year.

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm by Bob Gaglione, 2nd by Scott Weaver – **All Ayes**