

Minutes of the Planning Commission
Village of Mantua
Meeting: September 13, 2011

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair Hawkins, Members Weaver, Wes Hawkins, and Snopek. Inspector Vechery. Solicitor Stuck.

Citizens Present: Marty Hura, and Roger Hawkins.

Absent: Member Ben Prescott. Motion to excuse Mr. Prescott by Mr. Hawkins. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of August, 2011 Minutes of the Planning Commission

Motion to approve without amendment made by Mr. Snopek. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. All ayes. August, 2011 Minutes of the Planning Commission approved without amendment.

4. Zoning Inspector's Update

The owner of the seemingly abandoned house on the north side of Orchard (first on the right when traveling west on Orchard from Route 44) has been cited. Multiple windows are broken-out of the house.

Compass Packaging is preparing to move into the old Eaton plant. Compass has been assured that they do not face a zoning problem related to set-backs. The plant is grandfathered.

The owner of one of the houses next to the Elm Street fire house has been cited because the steps off of the property owner's pool-deck are encroaching onto his neighbor's property.

Jeff Blonk is not making progress on painting. He has construction material (stone block) stacked in his back yard. Mr. Blonk mentioned using the stone to construct a wall. Mr. Vechery provided him with an application.

No permits were issued this month.

The Garden Club is considering placing a sign designating the Memorial Walk (the tree-lined sidewalk leading up the hill from Route 44 to Crestwood High

School). Each of the trees has been planted in memory of a specific person. There was some discussion of the legal test for the authority of the Commission over signage on school property.

5. Old Business

a. Outdoor Furnaces

Other communities have begun to see outdoor furnaces as a problem, and have begun enacting legislation to regulate them. There was some discussion of this issue as it may or may not apply to Mantua. The Members of the Commission will make an effort to educate themselves further in regard to outdoor furnaces.

b. Zoning Code/Codified Ordinances

The cost of hiring a private firm to codify the Zoning Code is prohibitive. Nevertheless, the Zoning Code must be codified, and an up-to-date copy must be kept on file with the Village Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion made (by Wes Hawkins) that Chair Hawkins, and Solicitor Stuck contact the Village Clerk/Treasurer to request that the Village Clerk/Treasurer update the Zoning Code, and that the proper, updated record of the Zoning Code be kept at the Clerk's office. Seconded by Mr. Snopek. All ayes. Motion carried.

c. Zoning Forms

Inspector Vechery will bring a complete set of all zoning forms currently in-use to the October meeting.

d. 610.09 Financial Guarantees

The Commission considered alternative revisions to 610.09. The Commission will take this issue up again at the October, 2011 meeting.

e. Stamm Pond

Mr. Snopek sent correspondence to Hal and Jan Stamm. A copy of this correspondence is on file with the Village Clerk. Mr. Stamm responded via email (copied: Chair Hawkins, Member Prescott, and Village Clerk).

Nothing new to report.

f. Zoning Code 610.09 (Financial Guarantees)

The Commission reviewed Solicitor Stuck's response to Mr. Snopek's request for clarification. The Solicitor provided the Commission with sample legislation. The Commission will consider 610.09 at the September meeting.

5. New Business

No new business from the Members of the Commission.

Citizen comments: Roger Hawkins stated that he recently attended a meeting in Garrettsville on the issue of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking." The State government has stripped villages, cities, and counties of any authority to regulate fracking. Mr. Hawkins reported that among the topics discussed at the Garrettsville meeting were the need to be mindful of how fracking operations may impact communities in terms of: (1) heavy truck traffic; (2) parking, and; (3) pipelines.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chair Hawkins. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes Approved Without Amendment:

~~Donna Hawkins, Chair~~ LINDA CLARK

Minutes prepared by: Aaron Snopek

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WES HAWKINS

HANDY WEAVER

Minutes Approved As Amended:

Donna Hawkins, Chair

Minutes prepared by: Aaron Snopek