

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2010

Mayor Blair called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call:** Thomas Blair-present, Gerald Rougé-present, James Koster-present, Karolyn Squire-present, Curt Johnson-present

**Visitors:** Cady Hutchinson (Zoning Inspector), Theresa Phillips, Michelle King, Joe Kozial

Mr. Koster moved to approve the November 2, 2010 meeting minutes and Ms. Squire seconded. By voice vote, all members approved.

Mr. Hicks had determined that the Ebelander's having a barbed wire and electric fence makes them in violation of the Village Ordinances and they are in violation of the Zoning Code because they are not permitted to have cows as addressed under the Special Use section 1135.03. Section 521.07 of the Codified Ordinances is not part of the Zoning Code and is not something the Planning Commission would review. Discussion followed.

Mr. Johnson moved to recommend to Council a revision to Ordinance 521.07 of the Codified Ordinances to restrict above ground electrical fences except for Agricultural Districts using the property for this purpose and Mr. Rougé seconded. By voice vote, all members approved. Mr. Hicks will draft an Ordinance for Monday's meeting.

The Commission discussed a complaint about a \$.99 spaghetti sign at Burton Grille and Pizzeria. The Commission was not opposed to businesses having an attractive sandwich sign that is taken down at the end of the day. Ms. Hutchinson will contact the restaurant owner and discuss this with him.

Mr. Koster reported that pot holes behind the businesses on North Cheshire Street are an issue that should be addressed by the property owners. Ms. Dahlhausen ran into a similar maintenance issue with weeds by Dr. Horn's office. When researching who owns the alleys on the Geauga County GIS, she found that the alleys are not listed as being owned by anyone. Much discussion followed. The Planning Commission felt this issue should be brought to Council's attention and suggested Ms. Dahlhausen obtain a quote from Mr. Hess to determine how much it would cost the Village to do a survey of these properties and to find out who owns the alleys.

Ms. Dahlhausen brought attention to 1113.04 (b) of the Zoning Code. This section states that all approved and disapproved Zoning Permits must be advertised in a paper of having general circulation in the Municipality. Ms. Dahlhausen said it would be cheaper to post all approved and disapproved permits at the designated posting areas that Ordinances and Resolutions are posted at around town. Mr. Koster moved to revise section 1113.04 (b) to post approved and disapproved Zoning Permits in the designated posting areas around the

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Village and on the Village website and Mr. Johnson seconded. By voice vote, all members approved.

Mr. Johnson stated that during his experience on the Board of Public Affairs, he has recognized the need to create more spaces to live in the Village, which would create more water and sewer users. He stated that the more users we have, the lower the water and sewer rates would be and recommended using vacant land to the maximum efficiency by encouraging smaller lot sizes and frontage requirements.

Ms. Squire made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Rougé seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Mayor Blair

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Clerk