

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2011

Mayor Blair called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

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

Visitors: Cady Hutchinson (Zoning Inspector), Todd Hicks, Joe Kozial, Chris Paquette, Josh Echt, Council Member Craig Ronyak, Julia Holt, Dee Holt

Mr. Koster moved to approve the November 15, 2010 meeting minutes and Ms. Squire seconded. By voice vote, all members approved.

The Village received a letter from Ms. Dee Holt who lives at 14841 South Cheshire Street. According to current Zoning she is not allowed to raise chickens on her property. Ms. Holt is requesting a revision to the Zoning Code to allow her to raise several chickens. Ms. Hutchinson reviewed many surrounding Villages and Cities ordinances and discovered that chickens are permitted in residential districts with certain restrictions. Ms. Squire was concerned that allowing chickens would create future issues with residents that would like to raise a goat for milk or raise turkeys.

Mr. Koster drafted an ordinance for the Commission to review. Mr. Johnson stated he would like to permit chickens to single family homes and not allow them to be raised in the front yard. Much discussion was held on the distance requirements that coops or the chickens living areas would be permitted from dwellings and lot lines. The Commission agreed on allowing only 6 hens and they are not to be less than 50 feet from any neighbors dwelling or 20 feet from any lot line. The property owner would be required to apply for a \$10 permit, which would not transfer to a new property owner. The Zoning Inspector will enforce this section of the Ordinances.

Mr. Koster made a motion to recommend to Council Mr. Hicks modifications to the document as discussed by the Commission and Mr. Johnson seconded. Roll Call: James Koster-yes, Curt Johnson-yes, Thomas Blair-yes, Gerald Rougé-yes, Karolyn Squire-no. Motion passed.

Mr. Johnson would like to encourage smaller lot sizes and frontage requirements for all lots in the Village as he brought up at the previous meeting. Ms. Squire brought attention to a previous statement Mr. Johnson made about creating more water and sewer users. Due to recent discussions on the sewer plant, she was under the impression that the plant is at capacity and didn't understand how creating more water and sewer users would be beneficial for the Village. Discussion followed. Hr. Hicks suggested that the Commission meet twice a year to recommend and review changes to the Ordinances. A proposed meeting date of June 20th or 21st was discussed. The Commission will let Ms. Dahlhausen know their availability.

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Mr. Koster asked about the pot holes behind the businesses on North Cheshire Street. Mr. Hicks said that the alley is owned by the different people that own the building. Mayor Blair said he will ask Council at the next meeting if the Street Department should fill the potholes instead of assessing the amounts to the owners.

Mr. Koster asked if the Village is going to enforce maintenance of homes such as painting and upkeep. Mr. Rougé stated that the Historic District Architectural Review Board is in the process of putting letters together for several properties that the Board is concerned about.

Ms. Squire made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Johnson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Mayor Blair

Clerk