

Planning Commission
July 27th, 2020

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Thomas Blair – present, Ruth Spanos – present, Curt Johnson – present, Karolyn Squire –present.

Visitors: Rick Gruber, Christina Piotrowski, Todd Hicks, Ann Wishart, Erin Dweik

New Business:

Mayor Spanos is looking into the Strategic Plan and how the village would like to see the properties develop and the strategic plan gives a guidance for that process. Mayor Spanos was looking into the analysis of the strategic plan which consists of attracting families to the community, looking at our housing stock, and villages infrastructures.

Mr. Johnson said that the heavy percentage rental property is in the Village of Burton. Mr. Johnson suggested to encourage more home ownership. Mr. Gruber suggested more community engagement. Mr. Johnson made a concern to the board that if the Village has more home ownership, that could get the community more involved with joining meetings that the Village of Burton offers.

Mayor Spanos was looking into the Village of Burton zoning and would like to familiarize with other communities with their zoning requirements and compare it to the Village of Burton. Ms. Squire informed Mayor Spanos that the members did look at the nearby communities for the zoning purposes in previous years. Ms. Squire informed Mayor Spanos that what Middlefield and Chardon have for zoning purposes may not fit in the Village of Burton zoning with the lack of space for development unlike Chardon and Middlefield.

Mr. Gruber informed Planning Commission interested in the Burton Elementary property who is the Abundant Church of God in Middlefield. They were asking general zoning question and asking about all five parcels. Mr. Gruber concerned about any restrictions and additions for the future buyer that fits into S-1. Mr. Johnson suggested to the Planning Commission that the two school properties would be more of multi-tenant commercial/residential area than a commercial since there is housing around that area. Mr. Gruber suggested for the properties on Hickox, North Cheshire, Goodwin Ave, and Kirtland street is all B-1, which was established in 1965 was wondering if that zoning makes sense for those properties. Mr. Johnson informed Mr. Gruber that changing the zoning is not necessary because residents that live there had their own businesses, and would not like to change the zoning for that purpose.

Mayor Spanos suggested for the front of the Berkshire High school lot would be zoned as B-1 central business not B-2 high way business. Mr. Gruber made a point to Planning Commission, that Centerra Co-Op is zoned industrial that could affect the R-2 and have industrial use right across from residential.

Mayor Spanos mentioned that the Burton Elementary playground is an asset to the residents around that neighborhood. Mayor Spanos suggested to the Planning Commission that there should be a playground in the Village. Ms. Squire suggested the playground should be moved to an another location. Ms. Squire taking property that the village currently owns and put some recreational into it. Mayor Spanos suggested to the Planning Commission that they could possibly put the playground in the circle, since there is space. Ms. Squire made a point to the Planning Commission that that circle isn't really getting utilize, besides when vendors come in.

Mr. Johnson suggested to look more carefully at the uses for each district and associated definitions for those properties.

Additional Business:

Adjourn:

Mayor Spanos made a motion to adjourn at 7:58PM, seconded by Mr. Blair. All in favor.

Mayor

Clerk