

Bridgeton Township Planning Commission Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024

Call to Order: 7:02 PM by J. Howes with Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: D. Hawkey, B. Dore, D. McClintock, J. Howes, K. Clough

Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2024: Joe Howes made a correction to the proposed minutes that the board report from Mr. Dore should reflect that the planning commission had recommended to the township board that Section 3.02 from the Zoning ordinances should be struck. D. McClintock made a motion to accept the minutes from July 8, 2024, planning commission meeting with the correction made by Mr. Howes. 2nd: K. Clough Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda for the August 12, 2024 meeting: K. Clough made a motion to accept the agenda 2nd: D. Hawkey Motion carried

Public Comment on Agenda Items (Please limit comments to 3 minutes.) Community member J. Bunce shared a statement regarding Section 3.02 Clearing of Land in the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Bunce shared a copy of her statement (see attached). Mrs. Bunce urged the board to not strike the ordinance but rather enhance it to read more clearly with enforcement procedures in place.

Secretary Report/Communications: D. McClintock reported that she had received an email request from community member Susan Reagan requesting the details regarding a Special Land Use request for property 5795 Fellowship Lane.(see attached) D. McClintock requested support from J. Howes and B. Kolk as this property is currently in litigation with the township. Mrs. Reagan was advised that minutes from meetings from the Planning Commission and Township Board could be a FOIA request with the township clerk.

Reports:

Bridgeton Township Board Report: B. Dore reported: J. Barnhard resigned the Township Supervisor position 20 minutes before the July board meeting, the township board will be meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 to address a replacement, the handicap accessible docks at both boat launches are broken and in need of repair the board has requested an estimate from Camp & Cruise, the county has reimbursed the township for one road brining, the board has secured a price lock for the winter season from Excel Propane, the board will have a workshop to address the topic of hall rental, there are two porta-johns at each boat launch, the board has asked Gerry Rich from SMARTCOMM LLC to attend a board meeting to provide more detail about his Special Land Use request, AT&T towers will be looking elsewhere to do business, thefts have taken place at the money tubes at both boat launches an unknown sum of money as stolen, steps were taken to secure the tubes from further theft.

Zoning Update: No updated as Brian Kolk had planned to not be in attendance as of last month.

Old Business:

Brooks Auto Facility forbearance: No new information to report at this time. Litigation continues between the township lawyer and Mr. Brooks.

Update on Sec 3.02 "Clearing of Land" in the Zoning Ordinance: The planning commission has made their commendation to strike this language to the Township Board. The Board has requested a public hearing before making a decision about the matter.

New Business:

Township Board leadership status and Election results (info only): J. Howes offered Mr. Mansfield congratulations on his election to Township Board Supervisor with his term starting November 2024. The following positions for the Bridgeton Township board were elected by Bridgeton Township: Clerk: Ann-Marie Kossen-Priddy, Treasurer: Jamie Holmes, Trustees: Peggy Hinton-Herman and Bob Dore.

Mansfield Property inquiry/disposition (info only)- It is litigation with the lawyers

Public Comment on Non-agenda items: None

Other: None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn: K. Clough 2nd: D. Hawkey Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted DeAnn J. McClintock, Bridgeton Planning Commission Secretary