

JONESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
Unofficial Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 14, 2011

Present: Jerry Drake, Connie Hutchinson, Dave Steel, Bob Snow, Mike Venturini; **Also present:** Adam Smith, Tim McLean

Absent: LeAnn Clements, George Schutes

Guest: Brian Corbett, Chief of Police

The regular monthly meeting of the Jonesville Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dave Steel. A moment of silence followed the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

There was no public comment.

With the addition of one additional item for new business regarding a letter of resignation and consequent vacancy on the Commission, the agenda was approved.

Motion was made by Jerry Drake and seconded by Mike Venturini to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2011. All in favor. Motion carried.

Assistant to the Manager Tim McLean opened discussion of new business items with a presentation of information regarding Form Based Zoning. More information and study materials will be forthcoming in the months ahead as the Village takes on the project of reviewing and/or revising the zoning ordinance system.

Police Chief Brian Corbett was present to answer questions and provide input regarding the possibility of implementing a tobacco-free policy in G. Carl Fast Park. No action was taken by the Planning Commission and it was agreed to discontinue discussion of this issue. Chief Corbett was thanked and excused from the meeting at this time.

Manager Adam Smith provided a summary of the Fiscal Year 2012 Infrastructure Activities which will include a reconstruction of the north downtown parking lot. Smith also gave updates on the activities remaining in the current fiscal year.

Manager Smith then shared a letter of resignation from long-time Planning Commissioner George Schutes. Motion was made by Bob Snow and seconded by Jerry Drake to accept with regret the resignation. All in favor. Motion carried.

This board will recommend to Village Council that this vacancy be filled. As Mr. Schutes was also the Planning Commission representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), that vacancy also needs filling. Motion was made by Jerry Drake and supported by Connie Hutchinson to recommend to Council the appointment of Mike Venturini to the ZBA for a period of one term plus one month. All in favor. Motion carried.

In ongoing business, Manager Smith shared information regarding Excel Realty's submission of its application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits to MSHDA relevant to the redevelopment of the former Kiddie Brush Building. It will be some months before MSHDA decided which projects will receive funding.

Due to the recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision that medical marihuana dispensaries are illegal, Manager Smith recommended and the Commission agreed that the Planning Commission discontinue discussion regarding potential zoning for dispensaries.

Manager Smith and Mike Venturini reported that, in regards to the Sign Ordinance, there is no significant ongoing coordination of efforts at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Hutchinson, Secretary