



Zoning & Planning Commission Meeting
March 28, 2022

Call to Order:

Chair Matt Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Matt Sturgeon, Mayor Carol Carter, Dave Gilson, Kevin Nehrenz, and Rick Stallard

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Carter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 28, 2022. Mr. Stallard seconded the motion. Four aye votes. Mr. Nehrenz abstained. The minutes approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

Raymond Gerard from the Independence area spoke about putting a skilled gaming business on Center Street. The games allow you a chance to alter the outcome. That is the difference between skilled gaming and gambling. You would need to be 21 and over. No alcohol beverages would be provided. They own a business in Mentor on the Lake and few out of state including Florida and North Carolina. The atmosphere would be like a social club. Some of the restrictions discussed including operating hours and fees. The Commission is supportive provided all the rules are followed and informed them they would need to apply for a permit.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Frey reported seven permits have been approved and no violation letters were sent. Mr. Frey did make four zoning violation phone calls. He said he is averaging 4 to 5 zoning phone calls per day. Planning on three variance applications to be reviewed in April. The second phase of Bates Crossing mylars are in the office and in the process of being signed.

Economic Development Report:

Mayor Carter attended the last meeting. The CRA review was last month with 10 companies exceeding their goals. Mayor Carter said the construction companies talked about the complications of finding employees. Future conversations should include "what do you plan to do after college?", not just "what college do you want to attend?". You can have careers without college. Presenters talked about the complications of getting supplies.

New Business:

Mr. Frey said we will need to update our zoning code for Electric Car charging stations zoning. Circle K is looking to add the service with 12 chargers. A variance will be needed for Circle K's future installation. Discussions about the location for the chargers being inconvenient with the semi-truck traffic. It was discussed to look at local municipalities for zoning ideas. Concerns were expressed

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New Business (continued):

about the electric to be used. Mayor Carter, Chair Sturgeon, and Mr. Frey will research zoning codes for the April meeting. Concerns were expressed about the safety of sitting in vehicles for hours. The Commission discussed there should be setbacks.

Mr. Frey informed the Commission the Village is losing money on the variance application permit fee. The advertisement alone is over \$50. The Commission discussed what other local community fees are set. After discussions about the time and cost invested in the permits, Chair Sturgeon made a motion to recommend to raise fees to \$100 for permits involving public notices. Mr. Gilson seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

Pending/Completed Legislation:

None.

Old & Pending Business:

None.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Nehrenz and seconded by Rick Stallard. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matt Sturgeon, Chairman
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