

**Minutes of the
Port Byron Planning and Zoning Commission
March 18th, 2015 – Port Byron Village Hall
7:00 PM**

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Gerry Meade.

Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum:

Roll Call: Present: Members Wes Wells, Bob Wilson, Bruce Peterson, and Chairman Gerry Meade.

Absent: Bob Lagerblade, Barb Brandt

Also present: Building Inspector Paul Kouski, Lou DiLauro and Mayor Kevin Klute

Roll call established a quorum was present and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Zoning Ordinance Update Project:

Gerry advised that Village Board had approved the new Zoning Ordinance. It will be added by link to the Village website.

Mayor's Update:

Dorrance Park:

The possibility of the Village taking ownership of the park from Rock Island County was discussed. It is estimated that annual maintenance costs would be approximately \$57,000 with no known revenue stream. No action was taken.

Zoning Rental Ordinance:

Paul has reviewed and forwarded his comments to IRDC. This will be on the agenda for the April 6th Board Meeting.

Building Inspectors Report:

Paul stated that a new house is under construction in Lake View Estates.

IRDC Committee:

Wes provided an update on the Committee's projects. A copy of IRDC March 12 meeting minutes were reviewed. MSA is working with IRDC to facilitate the asbestos abatement and building demolition of the old academy. Their fee for providing the scope of the projects is \$7,400.

Chairman's Discussion:

A. With deep regret; Gerry announced the resignation of Harold French from the Commission due to health issues.

B. The 2015 P&Z projects were reviewed. The Village Board has approved the further vetting of all 5 proposals. P&Z has decided to eliminate the study of removing the power lines from the Main Street due to the costs established in an earlier study (\$1.2 million). The remaining 4 projects will be assigned to commission members at the April meeting.

Gallery Comments:

Lou discussed some issues concerning the possible acquisition of Dorrance Park i.e. the Forest Preserve's current costs.

Old Business:

Boat Launch Parking: Bruce will check with Public Works Department concerning a sign designating seasonal parking rules.

Bitler Swimming Pool/Fence: Paul will talk directly with Brian on building a fence or requesting a variance. There is a code violation that must be addressed.

Meyer Landscaping Plan: Bruce discussed the Phase II landscaping plan for Riverside Park. Meyer has offered to provide a free layout proposal for walkways and shrubs. Village volunteers could do the planting and maintenance.

New Business:

A. Approve Minutes:

A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes from the January 14th, 2015 P&Z Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Sparta to Port Byron Bike Ride:

Bruce is on the special committee headed by Mayor Klute, to represent Port Byron. The race is scheduled for October 3rd to coincide with Sparta's October Fest. Joe Taylor, President of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, is personally involved in the project.

C. Ann's Helping Hands Parking problem:

Gerry has talked to Don Loy who agreed to paint yellow stripes in front of Ann's entrance. We will also provide a NO PARKING sign.

D. Restroom Improvements:

Bruce will contact vendors for proposals to update and improve the facilities.

E. Village Administrator:

The possibility of hiring a part time administrator was discussed. No action was taken.

F. Commercial Realtor:

Bruce will meet with a local commercial realtor from Ruhl & Ruhl. The purpose is to discuss the possible sale of the Old Academy and other Village property that may become available.

G. Village Gas Tax:

No action was taken since such a tax is illegal.

Gallery Comments:

Lou proposed that the façade of the Riverfront Park restrooms should conform to the 1890 Theme of the gazebo and bicyclist. Everyone thought that this was an excellent idea and will be incorporated into the restroom update project.

General Discussion:

Wes outlined his thoughts for the Summer Gazebo Concert Program. A concert could be scheduled for the Friday night before the bicycle race. All agreed

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Commission at this time, Bruce made a motion, seconded by Wes, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Meade
Commission Chairman

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 7:00 PM at Village Hall