

**Minutes of the
Port Byron Planning and Zoning Commission
December 9th, 2015 – Port Byron Village Hall
7:00 PM**

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 at 7:04 PM at the Village Hall.

Introduction:

Gerry introduced the newest Commission member, Scott Angelici. Scott was appointed to the Commission by the Village Board at its December 7th meeting. A brief resume was distributed to the Commission.

Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum:

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

Absent: Gene Fry

Also present: Tom Stocking, Chris Bradshaw, and Brian Bitler

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

Mayor's Update:

None

Chairman's Update/Administrative issues:

Building Inspector:

Paul Kouski responded by email that one new house will be ready for final inspection upon his return on December 14th and another is just starting construction.

Gallery Comments:

Chris Bradshaw and Brian Bitler spoke in regard to establishing an 'area church' sign along Highway 84 in Port Byron. Their proposal would result in the churches designing and paying for the construction and installation of the signs. All relevant details would have to be approved by P&Z and the Village Board. There are currently 7 churches that have expressed an interest in participating. Chris will provide physical details for the sign (material, size etc.) by the January 13 P&Z meeting. Gerry will research the ordinances regarding signage. Gerry will also petition IDOT if the project is approved.

Tommy Stocking discussed the map for the new bus route. He was also soliciting rides for himself to Hampton.

2015 P&Z Projects:

- **Downtown Children's Playground:**

Gerry advised that the Village is in the final phase of purchasing the downtown property located at 113 S. Main St. This property was designated as a potential children's playground in the Economic Development Plan section of the Comprehensive Plan. The Board will be reminded of this commitment.

- **I-80 Village Sign:**

Gerry discussed correspondence from IDOT committing to having this work completed by January 15, 2016.

New Business:

A. Bruce moved and Wes seconded to approve the minutes from the September 9th, 2015 P&Z Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

B. Gerry discussed a recent petition by 26 residents to reduce the speed limit on Barber Creek Rd. from 45 to 35 mph. IDOT has been contacted for approval.

C. At the January 13th meeting, the Commission will select projects for 2016. The following ideas have been briefly discussed:

1. Develop a Children's Playground at 113 S. Main Street
2. Develop/Update Village sign ordinances. Enforce existing ordinances and codes using the Building Inspector.

Further Gallery Comments:

None

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Commission at this time, Bruce made a motion, seconded by Bob L., that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Meade

Next Meeting: January 13th, 2016 7:00 PM at Village Hall