

**Minutes of the
Port Byron Planning and Zoning Commission
April 8th, 2015 – Port Byron Village Hall
7:00 PM**

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Gerry Meade.

Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum:

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

Absent: Barb Brandt

Also present: Lou DiLauro, Tom Stocking, John Corellis and Mayor Kevin Klute

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

Mayor's Update:

Kevin and a group of local mayors met with the Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner on April 8th. The state plans to reduce the shared income tax by 50%. This would result in a reduction of \$67,500 for Port Byron. Kevin also discussed the Dorrance Park acquisition project. Port Byron is requesting that Rock Island County cede ownership of the park to the Village. Discussions are ongoing; Kevin has requested that Paul Kouski, Village Building Inspector, conduct a zoning designation audit on Main Street. I will follow up with Paul.

IRDC Committee:

Wes discussed the meeting with residents to review the hook-up for sewer and water. One resident complained and suggested that he might appeal to the EPA. The Board approved \$7400 to be used by MSA for the asbestos abatement program at the Old Academy. RDC is implementing this program along with the building demolition.

Chairman's Discussion:

Due to the resignation of Harold French, P&Z is looking for a replacement. Posting will be made on the Village's electronic sign.

Gallery Comments:

John Corellis, a commercial real estate broker with Ruhl & Ruhl, discussed the development and sale of the Old Academy site after demolition. The site is 2.9 acres, Current and future zoning requirements were discussed. John will make the usage recommendations after visiting the site and doing additional research.

Lou DiLauro expressed his concern that the Village had not yet determined the acceptable future usages for the Old Academy site. Lou had earlier submitted a detailed discussion paper that the Commission had reviewed, on the usage issue. Village administration has decided to postpone usage review until a later date.

Old Business:

Boat Launch Parking: Bruce will discuss the sign with Eric.

Meyer Landscaping Plan: The layout drawings are now available and posted at Village Hall for review. This is Phase 2 (softscape) design for Riverfront Park. The main question is who should be responsible for maintaining the plantings when required. The Commission feels that Meyers or another outside supplier should be contracted for that job.

Bruce will present the package to the Board at its next meeting.

Port Byron to Sparta Bike Ride: limited to 200 cyclists this year. Bruce is chairman of a special committee to run this program. Per Mayor Klute, P&Z is not responsible for this event (IRDC will direct the Special Committee)

Adopt-A-Highway Program: This will include the May Community clean-up and bulk pick up projects. We are awaiting more details concerning the Community clean up from Bruce who is in charge of recycling/refuse at the Board Level. There will be a clean-up of the bike path area between Port Byron and Rapids City.

Parking on the Bike Path Problem: The area in question is in front of Ann's Helping Hands. Village Public Works Department has agreed to paint yellow stripes in that area when the weather improves. We are also requesting a "Do Not Park on Bike Path" sign from Public Works.

P&Z 2015 Projects:

The Commission decided to drop the project on relocating power lines in the downtown area. The cost would be prohibitive. The next P&Z meeting, on May 13th, will be mainly devoted to discuss the remaining 4 projects.

New Business:

A. Approve Minutes:

A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Bob L. to approve the minutes from the March 18th, 2015 P&Z Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Riverfront Park Restroom Improvements:

Bruce is heading this study. He has contacted the original supplier concerning toilet seats. Lighting(inside/outside) is also a problem. Painting is also being considered. It has been suggested that the 1800 historical theme for the Park be incorporated into the exterior restroom improvement.

Further Gallery Comments:

Lou suggested that significant architectural components from the demolition of the Old Academy be preserved. These items could be used in constructing kiosks in the Park or along the downtown bike path. There could be other Village usage.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Meade
Commission Chairman

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM at Village Hall