



Village of Galena ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 9, 2007

The Zoning and Planning Commission of the Village of Galena met on Wednesday May 9, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 9 West Columbus Street, Galena, Ohio. Present were members; President Tom Hopper, Jim Slifko, Denny Morris, Stan Swisher and Mark Brooks. Also present were Zoning Inspector David LaValle, Zoning Clerk Sally Hopper and visitor Scott Liston. The meeting was officially called to order at 7:09 PM.

Copies of the minutes from the last meeting of April 11, 2007 had been distributed to all members by the Clerk. A motion to approve the minutes, as presented, was made by Mark Brooks, seconded by Jim Slifko and passed unanimously.

The Commission held an informal discussion with Mr. Scott Liston, who along with his partner Rob Smith, was interested with any plans for the property that is for sale at 46 West Columbus Street. Mr. Liston has been a resident of Sage Creek for approximately 1 ½ years. Ideas were compared on possible uses and the best mix of businesses for the area near the square.

Zoning Inspector David LaValle in his report stated that he continues to work on finalizing 3 or 4 items at Heathermere including manholes on Zoar St., trees along the southern property line and streetlights which are not working. He is also looking into continuing erosion problems below the houses at Walnut Creek Subdivision and had been approached by Maronda Homes to see if split level houses are acceptable there. At the Estates at Blackhawk Subdivision he is still working with Village Solicitor Ken Molnar on the easement for the road to the lift station and Section C is still not paved.

He reported that the Village had a sinkhole appear in Walnut Street by Miller Park and had Facemeyer Excavation fix it on an emergency basis so that the northbound lane could be reopened. Mr. LaValle also reported on the progress on annexations including road issues on Joe Walker Road. The Miller Farm annexation has been filed by Homewood but no concept drawings have been submitted yet.

There is to be a change in ownership when John and Betty's Toys closes on June 30 with Tony Hamilton opening a toy store at the same location. Helen Stone of Harrison Street has issued complaints about dust blowing into her house from the baseball diamond at Ruffner Park during dragging of the field. She also wants something done about the metal roof coming off and other issues at the empty house next door. The house is in default and the Mr. Molnar will be consulted.

The Clerk had nothing additional to report.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

There being no further business before the Commission, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denny Morris, seconded by Stan Swisher and passed unanimously. **The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Clerk

Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I, Sally H. Hopper, Clerk of The Zoning & Planning Commission of the Village of Galena, Ohio do hereby certify that publication of the above MINUTES was duly made by posting true copies thereof at five (5) of the most public places in the Village of Galena as provided for in Ordinance # 99-15 enacted by the Council of the Village of Galena on December 21, 1999.

Sally H. Hopper, Clerk