



Village of Galena ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2011

The Zoning and Planning Commission of the Village of Galena met on Wednesday October 19, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 9 West Columbus Street, Galena, Ohio. Present were members; President Tom Hopper, Stan Swisher, Mark Brooks and Mike Bragalone. Also present was Zoning Inspector Scott Jamison, Zoning Clerk Sally Hopper and visitors Diana Butts, representing the Big Walnut School District, and Zach Hopper. Member Nancy Feole was absent. The meeting was officially called to order at 7:08 PM.

Copies of the minutes from the last meeting of July 20, 2011 had been distributed to all members by the Clerk. The August and September meetings had been cancelled for lack of new business. A motion to approve the minutes, as presented, was made by Stan Swisher, seconded by Mike Bragalone and passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about current zoning fees. Zoning Inspector Scott Jamison and Assistant Public Service Director Jeanna Burrell have been studying the current fee structure and comparing them with those of surrounding jurisdictions. A number are well below the Village's cost and all are low compared to those charged by others. Scott will attempt to have a list of suggested changes available for the next meeting.

Zoning Inspector Scott Jamison had issued a written report which is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes. He gave a brief summary of the report. Maronda has built four new houses and started a fifth in the Walnut Creek Subdivision. They have also sold another house that was built two years ago. He told the Commission about the fact that a number of properties in the Village are in violation of the Zoning Code or Exterior Property Maintenance Code. The Village will start enforcement following a period of advertisement in the newsletter. He also updated the Commission on the Walnut Street Reconstruction Project and work being done at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Columbus Street Lift Station. He reported that estimates were coming in higher than expected on Building 1829 and that some of the projects were being trimmed to stay within budget.

The clerk had nothing additional to report. Due to a lack of business it was decided to cancel the November 16th meeting.

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 Mark Brooks, seconded by Stan Swisher, and passed unanimously. **The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:49 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