

**Barnesville Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 1, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Barnesville Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Merlin Strom at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Steve Mortensen, Merlin Strom, Pat Berndt, Brent Berg, Paul Karsnia, Mike Detloff, Matthew Wever and Mike Rietz, Zoning Administrator.

Member absent: Margaret Follingstad.

Others present: Karen Lauer, Roland Holm and Pam Aakre of the Barnesville Record-Review.

AGENDA

11-1-10-01 Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Karsnia to approve the agenda with the addition of Braton/Powers Property under Old Business and Committee Terms under New Business. Unanimously carried.

MINUTES

11-1-10-02 Motion by Detloff and seconded by Mortensen to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting. Unanimously carried.

FIXED FEE PERMITS UNDER THE BUILDING CODE

Mike Rietz reviewed the proposed language for moving permits and replacement of a furnace with a change in the fuel source. Roland Holm noted that an inspection does need to be done on a new gas furnace. If a furnace is being replaced with a like fuel source furnace, an inspection does not need to be completed. Any work that has to do with safety needs a permit and an inspection. Mike Rietz commented that a home owner should only need a permit if the City is required to complete an inspection under the building code. The Commission members discussed the proposed \$50 fee for moving a building and asked if it applied only to manufactured homes. It was noted that in the Permits and Fees section of the code a \$50 moving permit is listed under Miscellaneous Fees and Commission members were not sure what that fee would apply to. In the same section under Miscellaneous Fees, the fee for manufactured buildings and houses is listed as "By value above." Roland Holm indicated that when a manufactured home is moved to and installed on a lot that is when the Moving Permit fee would be assessed. Holm noted that he must look at the anchoring and verify that a DOT permit has been obtained and the home is being moved by a licensed mover. Commission members asked if someone moved in a single stall garage themselves if they would be in violation of the ordinance language. It was noted this would be a violation. Rietz will review and revise the language for this ordinance change and bring it back to the next meeting. Rietz noted that a public hearing is not necessary since it is part of the municipal code and not the zoning code. Rietz will check with the city attorney to verify that a public hearing is not necessary.

STOP SIGNS AT THE HWY 2, 34 AND 9 INTERSECTION

Mike Rietz presented an update on the study requested at the intersection of Highways 2, 34 and 9. The study was done during harvest time when there is fairly high traffic. Brent Berg noted that the highest volume of traffic occurs due to summer lake traffic. Superintendent Scott Loeslie sent a letter regarding the current 4-way stop at Front Street and 2nd Avenue. Loeslie has received verbal commitment to retain the 4-way stop at this corner.

BRATON/POWERS PROPERTY

Mike Rietz reported that the shared garage on the Braton/Powers property has been demolished and the parties have until November 15, 2010 to complete the recording of an easement. If this does not happen, then the variance will lapse and a new variance would need to be requested. Ruth Powers has applied for a building permit for a new garage on her property.

PAT BERNDT RESIGNATION

Mike Rietz has received notification from Pat Berndt that at the end of her term in December 2010 she will not be available for another term. Rietz will place an ad in the Record-Review for a replacement member. The Planning Commission will interview interested candidates at the December meeting.

BUILDING PERMIT LIST

The building permits for October were reviewed.

COMMITTEE TERMS

Mike Rietz gave the Commission members a list of current members and their term expiration dates. Merlin Strom noted that Margaret Follingstad's term will also expire in December and she has indicated she would be interested in serving another term.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

11-1-10-03 Motion by Detloff and seconded by Berg to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Submitted by:

Pat Berndt

Planning Commission Secretary