

**Barnesville Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 1, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Barnesville Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Follingstad at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Steve Mortensen, Brent Berg, Margaret Follingstad, Paul Karsnia, Darin Allmaras, Jaime Gott and Rick Hamman.

Others present: Mike Rietz, Gary Schultz, Don Sakry and Pam Aakre of the Barnesville Record-Review.

**AGENDA**

**04-1-13-01** Motion by Allmaras and seconded by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously carried.

**MINUTES**

**04-1-13-02** Motion by Allmaras and seconded by Mortensen to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting. Unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING - VARIANCE TO HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR ROTHSAY CO-OP**

**04-1-13-03** Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Gott to open the public hearing regarding the height variance for Rothsay Co-op. Unanimously carried. Hearing opened at 6:35 p.m.

City Administrator Rietz explained that the structure that Rothsay Co-op plans to build will exceed the 45-foot maximum height restriction in the Zoning Code. The code allows a variance to this height restriction to be granted for an elevator bulkhead, which is what this is.

**04-1-13-04** Motion by Allmaras and seconded by Berg to close the public hearing. Unanimously carried. Hearing closed at 6:44 p.m.

**04-1-13-05** Motion by Allmaras and seconded by Gott to approve the height variance to 56 feet 8 inches with the following conditions:

1. This variance is subject to all other zoning ordinances.
2. The City of Barnesville reserves the right to add, delete, or amend these conditions if health, safety of welfare considerations warrant. No action to add, alter, or amend conditions will occur except after mailed and published notice and a public hearing before the Planning Commission to consider such addition, deletion, or alteration of these conditions.
3. The applicant agrees to revocation of the variance upon verifiable evidence of violation of any of the terms and conditions listed herein. Said revocation of other violations not listed in the variance will not occur except after mailed and published notice and a public hearing before the Planning Commission to establish a record of said violations and to give the petitioner a right to enter into the record any mitigating or contradicting evidence

Unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE REGULATING USE OF SIDEWALKS BY BUSINESSES IN C-1**

**04-1-13-06** Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Berg to open the public hearing. Unanimously carried. Hearing opened at 6:44 p.m.

City Administrator Rietz described a proposed ordinance to allow merchandise display, sandwich board signs and seating areas in front of businesses in the C-1 zone and the new language that was included since the last meeting. There was language added allowing one vending machine per business and two per block.

There was also proposed language that restricted this use to certain portions or the year. The Planning Commission decided that limitation was unnecessary. Also, the Planning Commission decide to change the cost of the permit from \$150 to \$100 for uses that did not conform to the ordinance.

**04-1-13-07** Motion by Gott and seconded by Mortensen to close the public hearing. Unanimously carried. Hearing closed at 7:15.

**04-1-13-08** Gott and seconded by Karsnia to recommend Ordinance 2013-03 to the City Council with the change in the permit fee and the removal of the restriction of the calendar year time frame for the use. Unanimously carried.

#### **POTENTIAL ANNEXATION OF HWY 34 RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Administrator Rietz informed the Commission that he was investigating the annexation of the Hwy 34 right-of-way on the north end of town in order to bring that area and some land between the highway and Blue Eagle Park into the City. The City is applying for some grant funds for a couple of projects in that area, and those projects would be less complicated if the area is annexed. There would be minimal impact on private property owners. Rietz will keep the Commission posted on the progress.

#### **BUILDING PERMIT LIST**

The building permits for March were reviewed. 2 permits with a total valuation of \$12,226.

**04-1-13-09** Motion by Mortensen, seconded by Gott to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Michael Rietz  
City Administrator