

**Barnesville Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Barnesville Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Follingstad at 6:34 p.m.

Members present: Steve Mortensen, Paul Karsnia, Brent Berg, and Margaret Follingstad

Members absent: Jaime Gott, Don Goedtke and Rick Hamman

Others present: Mike Rietz, and Jacob Underlee.

AGENDA

9-2-14-01 Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Karsnia to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously carried.

MINUTES

9-2-14-02 Motion by Berg and seconded by Mortensen to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting. Unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE 2014-05 GAS PIPING PERMIT

City Administrator Rietz stated that with natural gas coming to the community, the mechanical code requires that the City inspect the new gas piping in homes to make sure that piping is holding pressure. He presented this proposed ordinance charging a \$25 flat fee for a permit for new gas piping. As this is not an amendment to the Zoning Code, it does not require a public hearing.

9-2-14-03 Motion by Berg and seconded by Mortensen to recommend to the Council adoption of this Ordinance establishing a \$25 gas piping permit fee. Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF CHANGES TO ACCESSORY BUILDING REGULATIONS

City Administrator Rietz presented some analysis of the lots in the community showing the average size, the median size and the most common size in the West and Northeast portions of the community. After a number of options were discussed, the consensus was to develop an ordinance that would remove the requirement that one accessory structure be smaller than 150 square feet and the other be larger than 150 square feet and replace it with language that would simply allow two structures, as long as long coverage requirements were met. The Commission also requested some additional analysis on the issue of how the size of the accessory buildings related to the primary structure, especially on lots larger than 30,000 square feet. That is expected to be the primary item to be discussed at the next meeting.

BUILDING PERMIT LIST

The building permits for August were reviewed. 9 permits with a total valuation of \$27,182.

9-2-14-04 Motion by Berg, seconded by Karsnia to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
Michael Rietz
City Administrator