Barnesville Planning Commission Regular Meeting Monday, May 2, 2016

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

Members present: Brent Berg, Steve Mortensen, Paul Karsnia, Don Goedtke, Rick Hamman and Dustin Korynta.

Members absent: None

Others present: Cris Mortensen, Tim Thompson, Gene Prim, Karen Lauer, Dawn Stuvland, Jed Peterson, Mike Rietz and Pam Aakre.

AGENDA

5-2-16-01 Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Hamman to approve the agenda. Unanimously carried.

MINUTES

5-2-16-02 Motion by Karsnia and seconded by Goedtke to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 and April 18, 2016 meetings. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CUP FOR A FENCE AT FRIENDSHIP PARK

5-2-16-03 Motion by Korynta and seconded by Mortensen to open the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Administrator Rietz presented the CUP Request for a composite fence 7 feet tall and 75 feet long along the north property line of the parking lot behind Friendship Park and for the existing wrought iron style fence that has been constructed in Friendship Park.

Cris Mortensen, the owner of the property to the north of the proposed fence, spoke in opposition to the fence as it would impact his business by blocking the view of that side of his property and would block a door into his building.

Tim Thompson spoke in support of Cris Mortensen indicating that he views CM Repair as an important business in the area.

Mayor Gene Prim spoke for the applicant, the City of Barnesville. He indicated that the City is seeking the fence to improve the appearance of the area and to better define the property line.

5-2-16-04 Motion Mortensen and seconded by Korynta to close the Public Hearing at 6:58. Unanimously carried.

The Planning Commission members discussed the various possible conditions for the fence. After some discussion it was decided to take a brief recess to go across the street to view the location

5-2-16-05 Motion by Hamman and seconded by Korynta to recess the meeting at 7:15. Unanimously carried.

5-2-16-06 Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Karsnia to reconvene the meeting at 7:25. Unanimously carried.

The Planning Commission continued the discussion on various options for conditions on the fence. After this discussion, the Planning Commission decided to table action on this CUP until next month to give the City and Mr. Mortensen an opportunity try to find an option for a fence that each party could live with.

5-2-16-07 Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Korynta to table the CUP. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE TOWNHOMES ON THIRD SUBDIVISION

5-2-16-08 Motion by Hamman and seconded by Karsnia to open the Public Hearing at 8:05. Unanimously carried.

Administrator Rietz presented the Preliminary Plat to the Planning Commission and indicated that it meets all the requirements of the zoning code, with the exception of the lot width requirements. However, the plat will be in compliance once the City Council approves the second reading of Ordinance 2016-05, which puts appropriate yard requirements in place for townhouses. The second reading is scheduled to occur at the May 9th City Council meeting.

5-2-16-09 Motion by Goedtke and seconded by Karsnia to the Public Hearing at 8:15. Unanimously carried.

5-2-16-10 Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Hamman to recommend to the City Council approval of the Preliminary Plat, contingent on the adoption of Ordinance 2016-05. Unanimously carried.

FINAL PLAT FOR THE TOWNHOMES ON THIRD SUBDIVISION

Administrator Rietz presented the Final Plat of the Townhomes on Third Subdivision. The City Code allows the City Council to approve the Preliminary and Final Plats simultaneously if the developer has submitted all the data. The Final Plat has been submitted and meets requirements, so approval is recommended.

5-2-16-11 Motion by Hamman and seconded by Karsnia to recommend to the City Council approval of the Final Plat, contingent on the adoption of Ordinance 2016-05. Unanimously carried.

BUILDING PERMIT LIST

The building permits for April were reviewed. 11 permits with a total valuation of \$49,291.16.

5-2-16-12 Motion by Karsnia, seconded by Korynta to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Michael Rietz City Administrator