

MINUTES OF THE BEECHER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

(THE PZC)

Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Beecher Village Hall

625 Dixie Highway

At 7:15 p.m., Chairman Phil Serviss called the meeting to order.

All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Commissioners Hearn, Lohmann, Schuitema and Serviss.
Members absent: Commissioners Bouchard, Machtemes and Tatgenhorst.

Staff present: Administrator Barber and Pete Iosue of Teska Associates.

Guests: Marcy Meyer, Nathan Dykstra and Bill DeJong.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2015 MEETING.

Commissioner Schuitema made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 PZC meeting. Commissioner Lohmann seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Hearn, Lohmann, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

Administrator Barber introduced new Commissioner Bill Hearn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The ordinance requires an annual election of a Chair and Vice Chair. Matter was deferred until the August 20, 2015 PZC meeting, due to lack of Commissioners present.

WORKSHOP: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN A B-3 DISTRICT FOR THE DISPLAY OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT: ACROSS FROM 380 S. DIXIE HIGHWAY (MAGON PROPERTY). Bill DeJong has a contract to purchase the empty lot across the street from his business which is 183' deep by 330' long. Petitioner was present to answer any questions and provided a sketch of DeJong's proposal for the vacant property. Complete application, plat of survey, and other information was provided in the packet for review. DeJong would use existing driveway off of Route #1. Machinery would still be unloaded on DeJong's property on the east side of Route #1. The Village of Beecher sign would be moved to the south end of the property. Mostly new equipment would be showcased on the property. Administrator Barber stated that the special use for this property would be limited to farm equipment.

Bill DeJong expressed plans to tie into the storm sewer. Administrator Barber stated that this was acceptable.

Property is already zoned commercial. Natural retention ponds would be added to the west end of the property, to help control the water affecting Melrose Lane residents.

Commissioner Schuitema made a motion to authorize a Public Hearing be held on August 20, 2015 for a special use permit in a B-3 District for the display of agricultural equipment by DeJong Equipment, across from 380 S. Dixie Highway. Commissioner Lohmann seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Hearn, Lohmann, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

CONSIDER A MOTION CHANGING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR AUGUST 27, 2015 PZC MEETING TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015. This is due to several scheduling conflicts for August 27th. Commissioner Lohmann made a motion to change the next scheduled PZC meeting to Thursday, August 20, 2015. Commissioner Schuitema seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Hearn, Lohmann, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS. Commissioner Schuitema encouraged other PZC members to attend the Intergovernmental Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 29th.

Administrator Barber reported that Bill Salmen purchased three buildings on Gould Street, formerly known as Wehmhoeffer's Hardware, Teapots Café and Somewhere in Time.

ADJOURNMENT. Commissioner Schuitema made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Hearn, Lohmann, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Meyer
Secretary