

**MINUTES OF THE BEECHER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
(THE PZC)**

***Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Washington Township Center
30200 Town Center Road***

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Serviss called the meeting to order.

All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL. Members present: Commissioners Bouchard, Hearn, Heim, Juzeszyn, Schuitema and Serviss.

Members absent: Commissioner Tatgenhorst.

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

Guests: Stacy Mazurek, Felicia and Manny Magana, Peter Rossi, Jasen Zurisk, Dennis Kennedy and Janet Adams.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2020 MEETING. Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 PZC meeting as written.

Commissioner Schuitema seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Bouchard, Hearn, Heim, Juzeszyn, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Schuitema made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fences. Commissioner Bouchard seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Bouchard, Hearn, Heim, Juzeszyn, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

Administrator Barber explained the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fences.

Dennis Kennedy asked if the amendments would override HOA covenants. The Village does not enforce covenants.

Manny Magana spoke in favor of having a 6' solid fence for noise and block view from the highway, as well as keeping his pets contained.

Janet Adams spoke in favor of having a 6' solid fence.

Jasen Zurisk spoke in favor of a 6' solid for his toddler's safety and to keep his dogs contained.

Peter Rossi currently has an existing 6' privacy and spoke in favor of his ability to replace it with a 6' privacy fence.

There was no one present that testified in opposition of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

pertaining to fences.

After no further testimony was heard, Commissioner Hearn made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Heim seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Bouchard, Hearn, Heim, Juzeszyn, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

Chairman Serviss asked the PZC members for their opinions. Unanimously, the PZC members were in favor of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fences. Commissioner Schuitema felt the safety of the children should be a priority, and 6' fences are an industry standard in many communities.

Commissioner Heim made a motion of recommendation to the Village Board on an Ordinance amending Section 4.30 of the Beecher Zoning Code pertaining to fences in rear and side yards, permitting solid fences up to six feet in height. A copy of the proposed Ordinance was provided in the packet for review. Commissioner Schuitema seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Bouchard, Hearn, Heim, Juzeszyn, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS. Administrator Barber provided updates on an interest in the former Layne Western (Wehling Well Works) property on Indiana Avenue, a special use permit for a cannabis craft grower on Church Road, the old Aurelio's building on Dixie Highway, the Love's Truck Stop in Grant Park and Balmoral Race Track and Balmoral Golf Course.

The Quiet Zone is hoped to be completed by Labor Day this year.

Commissioner Schuitema asked if there were any new developments on the recent robberies. There was nothing new to report in the last month.

The next regularly scheduled PZC meeting is Thursday, March 26th at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. Commissioner Bouchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Heim seconded the motion.

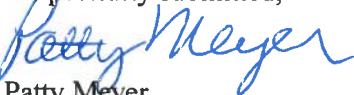
AYES: Commissioners Bouchard, Hearn, Heim, Juzeszyn, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Meyer
Secretary