

CITY OF CHARDON PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2024

Members Present:

Andrew Blackley, Chairman
Lene Hill
Dean Peska

Mary Jo Stark, Vice-Chairman
Colin Wantz

Members Absent

Dan Meleski
Robert Emmons

Also Present:

Ben Chojnacki, Law Director
Doug Courtney, City Engineer
Catherine Leonello
Rebecca Repasky, Secretary

Allison Wilson, Geauga Maple Leaf
Steve Yaney, Community Development
Administrator

Mr. Blackley called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Attendance roll was called. Mr. Blackley reminded all that were present to sign in and swore in City Staff.

Mrs. Hill made a motion to approve the July 23, 2024, meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mrs. Stark. Roll was called. Mr. Peska abstained. The vote carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

NEW BUSINESS

PC Case #24-163: Mr. Yaney explained the applicant, Christopher Kurtz, is requesting a variance to reduce the front yard setback to 37' from 40' to allow for the construction of a front porch. Mr. Yaney pointed out the neighboring homes sit closer to the street. Mr. Yaney reviewed the Findings of Fact and said Staff has no objections.

Mr. Blackley asked if Mr. Kurtz is the contractor. Mr. Yaney said yes.

Mrs. Catherine Leonello was sworn in.

Mr. Blackley asked Mrs. Leonello if she is fully aware of what the contract has requested and what the variance is about. Mrs. Leonello said yes.

Mrs. Stark made a motion to approve the Announcement of Decision for variance approval. It was seconded by Mrs. Hill. Roll was called. The vote carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Blackley asked for a review of the Bowman Case that went to trial on Monday, August 26th, 2024. Mr. Yaney explained six (6) counts were dismissed; and twelve (12) counts were pleaded to. Each count for each defendant is \$2,000. Mr. Blackley asked if the process repeats if there are no improvements on the property. Mr. Yaney said yes. Mr. Blackley said it does appear the property owner has made some improvements.

Mrs. Stark asked Mr. Yaney and Planning Commission if they saw in the Geauga Times Courier, the Court House Project has change orders. Mr. Yaney and Planning Commission were not aware of any change orders. Mr. Blackley requested Mr. Yaney contact ThenDesign and include Majeed Makhoul and the City Manager for an explanation. He said to make sure plans are following what was agreed upon. Mrs. Stark added the paper stated approximately \$5,000,000 in change orders. Mr. Wantz said that could be utilizing the built-in contingency money. Mr. Blackley said for Mr. Yaney to follow up and update City Council.

Mr. Peska asked for an update on the Chardon Schools bus garage. Mr. Yaney said they are working on getting pre-construction submittals.

Mrs. Leonello stated that Ms. Bowman has a property on her street and items are beginning to collect outside.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none.

ADJOURN

Mr. Peska made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mrs. Stark. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

ANDREW BLACKLEY, CHAIRMAN

Rebecca Repasky, Secretary