

Village of Clarksville
Planning Commission Minutes
April 20th, 2017

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held on April 20th 2017, at the Clarksville Village Hall. Chairperson Bob Blocher called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Planning Commissioners Present – Chairperson Bob Blocher, Vice Chairperson Diane Sheldon, Secretary Jami Manszewski, Orin Mutchler, John Jewell and Ex Officio Bonnie Main. Absent- Rick Culp

Public comments were heard.

Minutes of the March 16th2017, meeting were read and approved.

Bonnie provided a Council report:

- Motion by Sheldon and supported by Graham to accept JSCC \$4,555.00 bid to remove ramp & replace with sidewalk at 126/130 S. Main Street and repair areas of damaged curb. All in favor, motion passed.
- A planning & zoning training session by Timothy Johnson/ MainStreet Planning Company for Village Council & Planning Commission members will be held May 4, 2017 at 7 pm at Clarksville Village Hall.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: The Variance Application was passed.

Bob reported that recycling is back at the park. The ball season has started.

Jami reported for Project Clarksville, and stated that they are working on a possible flower box competition amongst the businesses. She asked what ideas the commissioners may have for it.

The Master Plan edits done by the Planning Commission, are currently being reviewed and edited by Village Clerk to be accepted by the council.

Planning Commissioner, John Jewell, reported back to the commissioners from previous discussion regarding why Ionia County college students are charged as “non district residents” to all local colleges. He has been trying to get answers from the Lakewood Superintendent on why this is. He will continue to work on this project. For future planning of Clarksville, the commissioners feel that fixing this issue, could help bring young people to the area.

John Jewell also presented the app called “Next Door”. He feels that this app may help better the communication amongst village residents. He wants to get the word out as much as possible. It was decided by Bob Blocher to add “Next Door App” to May’s Planning Commission Agenda to better explore the idea.

It was also mentioned to add “Analysis of zoning issues” to May’s Planning Commission agenda. This is in hopes that the commissioners can better look at zoning to see what is working and what is not as far as enforcement, issues, and how to fix them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be May 18th, 2017.

Submitted by Jami Manszewski, Secretary