

Village of Clarksville
Planning Commission Minutes
May 18th, 2017

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held on May 18th 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, John Jewell, Rick Culp and Ex Officio Bonnie Main. Absent- Orin Mutschler

Public comments were heard.

Minutes of the April 20th 2017, meeting were read and approved.

Bonnie provided a Council report:

- Ionia County Building Inspector Jim Seibel gave an update concerning property 103 N. Main & 105 previously cited as a dangerous structure. The owner had been given notice to repair or demolish the building. A follow up will be reported back from the building department in the near future.
- It was authorized for the Ox Roast Committee to close off Main Street for the annual Ox Roast Event to be held on August 12, 2017 from 8 am – 7 pm.
- It was approved for Manszewski Landscaping bid \$1,050.00 Seasonal Banner Installation, \$600.00 Landscaping, Bark, & Flowers at Village Limit Signs, \$80 Bark for Village Gazebo if needed, and \$650.00 to Power Wash, Clean Gutters, & Wash outside Windows of Village Hall.

Bob reported that recycling is very busy and ball season is going strong.

Jami reported for Project Clarksville, and encouraged the commissioners to tell others to keep supporting local businesses. Many “old” businesses are struggling.

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 the “Next Door App”. He mentioned more residents have signed up and are currently using the app in the Village.

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. However, this discussion has been postponed to the next meeting when Zoning Administrator, Derek Byers, will be present to report any written complaints and report that he may have.

Commissioners discussed the idea of using PUD’s in the future. Jami will get with Shari to see if there are any generic format copies available to use.

It was brought to the commissioners for discussion, that the future Christmas decorations for street lights, need to be researched. The Planning Commission decided that it will be a 3 year goal to have all new updated decorations. Jami will bring catalogs to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be June 15th, 2017.

Submitted by Jami Manszewski, Secretary

