

Village of Clarksville  
Planning Commission Minutes  
July 20, 2017

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held July 20, 2017 at the Clarksville Village Hall. Vice Chairperson Diane Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Other planning commissioners present – *ex officio* Bonnie Main, Rick Culp, John Jewell, and Village Clerk Shari Clark. Absent – Chairperson Robert Blocher, Secretary Jami Manszewski, and Orin Mutschler.

No public comment.

The minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting were read and approved. There was no June meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Main provided council report for June & July meetings

- Historical Society was given approval to install a window shade in upstairs storage room.
- Authorized up to \$200.00 expense to purchase a metal cigarette butt receptacle to be placed in front of Village Hall.
- Authorized Treasurer Barratt to seek best possible rate from multiple financial institutions and move funds from current United Bank CD due to expire June 15, 2017 into an 18 month CD. Later re-negotiated rate with United Bank matching 1.1%.
- Operating Tax Millage to be levied to reflect the millage reduction fraction 0.9856 reduced current millage rate to 8.9470.
- Accepted Airtight Insulation LLC \$4,150.00 bid to seal crawl space under Village Hall.
- Accepted Grade A Gutter Systems \$1,970.00 bid to install new commercial grade covered gutters at Clarksville Village Hall.

Discussion about Analysis of Zoning Issues and Solutions will be ongoing. Information regarding backyard chicken ordinances from other municipalities will be researched for discussion at next meeting. Planning Commissioners are encouraged to review current zoning standards to discover and share what may need to be amended or updated such as section §152.058 Satellite Dish Antenna (B)(3) Roofs – which prohibits satellite dishes on roof tops. Amendment recommendations may be made routinely and brought to council. Clark encouraged planning commissioners to review entire zoning ordinance and recommend multiple ordinance amendments at least annually. These efforts will help keep our zoning regulations updated and to better fit the needs of our community.

Motion by Culp and supported by Jewell to purchase six LED 5' Silhouette Scroll Banner Enhancers at cost of \$315.00 each with discount & shipping total \$2,019.47. The intent is to purchase additional Banner Enhancers over next two years as authorized within budget set by council for street decorations. These non-seasonal lights may be left up year round. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Comments – Jewell shared his research regarding “Community College Opportunities” seeking avenues to partner with local colleges outside of our county how to obtain tuition breaks similar to Kent & Montcalm Counties. He is currently exploring ideas with Lakewood Public School Superintendent Randy Fleenor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held August 17, 2017.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*