

Village of Clarksville
Planning Commission Minutes
September 21st, 2017

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held on September 21st 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. Also present, Zoning Administrator Derek Byers.

Public comments were heard.

Bonnie provided a Council report:

- A \$3,000.00 proposal made by CL Trucking & Excavating LLC, was accepted for the Catch Basin Repair in 3 locations.
- The Beautify Our Business Community Grant Program was renewed through October 31st, 2018.
- The second reading of Ordinance #71 Adopt Supplement S-3 to Code of Ordinances was read with no objections heard.
- ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: The Variance Application was approved for 166 First Street, to construct a 1440 sq. ft. pole barn/garage.

Derek shared his report along with discussion on “Demo Permits”.

Bob reported that recycling will be back in town for the winter starting in November. He also stated that it will be made available to start accepting poly styrene, also known as “Styrofoam” in the near future.

Jami reported for Project Clarksville and stated that the group is at a standstill with no further updates. She also noted that the former doctor’s office is being sold by Spectrum and encourages those interested, should look into it.

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

It was mentioned to remove “Analysis of Zoning Issues and Solutions” from the future agenda due to no reports of any current issues. However, “Backyard Chicken Ordinance” will be placed on next month’s agenda to be looked at and reviewed by the Planning Commission.

It was discussed that 3 commissioner terms that are expiring next month, and the current commissioners would like to run for another term each.

The annual ice skating rink located at the Campbell Township Park, was passed, and is ready to be set up this month to ensure it be ready for the beginning of winter. Bob will be conducting a setup on October 7th at 10am. He is looking for volunteers.

The topic of “vacant buildings” on Main Street was discussed. An update was heard on the building connected to Papa C’s. Any further updates will now come from Ionia County. The Planning Commission will be in many more discussions in the near future, coming up with ideas for vacant buildings.

The new street decorative lights are in and were looked at by the commissioners. It was agreed they be installed ASAP.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be October 19th, 2017.

Submitted by Jami Manszewski, Secretary

