

Mantua Planning Commission

October 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chair John Clark

Members Present: John Clark, Tammy Meyer, Wes Hawkins, Scott Weaver and Mayor Clark

Others Present: Michele Stuck, solicitor, John Trew Village Administrator, Tom VanAuken, Kris Hunkus and Steve Thorn (via Zoom)

Motion to approve September minutes by Mayor Clark second by Scott all yeas

Citizens: Steve Thorn via zoom addressed planning as he has put an offer on property Park Street, (Claude/Linda Hopkins). It is R2. Steve would like to do some farmsteading: a combination of growing for themselves, as well as having excess to sell/share, and growing using permaculture and sustainable practices. It would potentially include things like many varieties of vegetables, fruit trees, nut trees, berries, and mushrooms, maintaining maple trees, as well as small groups of chickens, baby doll sheep, goats, possibly bees and heritage pigs. All of which would be pursued over time, not right away. Their initial agricultural focus would be on soil building, composting, and improving the biodiversity on the property.

Because "Agriculture" isn't permitted by right in R2 (see p. 43, line B.1), Section 400.01 relating to Agricultural Uses doesn't automatically apply. John Trew has already advised them of this by email and explained that if Steve decides to purchase the property he will need to apply for a variance. It is \$200.00 fee 15 day notices and letter sent to any properties within 250ft. Steve thanked us and said he would let us know what he decides.

Tom VanAuken/ Kris Hunkus Tom owns the property where Middlefield Bank and T shirts is located. Tom has been trying to rent or sell the property. But because of the flooding and sinking issues would like to work with planning and see what it would take to do a FEMA acquisition grant. Kris is sending info to the Mayor who will speak with Ryan Shackelford from Portage County EMA. Scott said Planning will do some investigating and get back to him.

VA report: On file in clerk's office: John T said that the Vet clinic submitted plans for an expansion and Dollar General has plans to build on property from Compass packaging, but have not submitted the architectural plans yet. Both will need site plans and engineering reviews by CT consultants.

Kim Ule and husband were supposed to attend to go over rental fees. Mayor asked to put on Hold until they are here.

Review legislation: 2020-49 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 450.07 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA RELATING TO ILLUMINATION OF SIGNS. After review Mayor made a motion to send to Council. Wes seconded, all yeas.

2020-50 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 480 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA RELATING TO EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE after review Wes made a motion to send to Council, Tammy seconded all yeas.

Landmark Commission: Michele said issue was raised at their last meeting regarding # of members needed to be present to have a quorum. The governing legislation states it is a 7 member panel, but currently there are 2 vacant seats. Planning is recommending that 4 members must be present to have a quorum, and also that no later than seven (7) days after each meeting of the Commission, they deliver signed copies of any approved minutes to the Clerk, along with a report of the Commission's most recent activities for submission to the Village Council. Wes made the motion to recommend legislation for these changes to council, Mayor seconded, all yeas.

Old Business:

Landmark Committee request for review of street post signs and quote (**John T to contact Dist. 4, village can't deviate from State Regulations**) Chad Root from ODOT called the Mayor last Friday and she referred him to John Trew. **Per chair John Clark remove until we hear back from Landmark.**

Matts Rd Bridge-Businesses – Council approved applying for Ohio Municipal Bridge funding. Grant submitted. Also, applying for the Ohio Bridge Partnership. Received word on October 29, 2019 that we did not get funding for the Municipal Bridge Program. We still have a chance at the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program.

Zoning/Maintenance issues

4587 W. Franklin, Kirt/ Tabatha Teter constructing an addition to the house w/o permits. Have received letter from P.C. Bldg. Department saying they need a zoning permit from the Village **Mayor Clark suggested that Michele send a letter. Michele asked for copies of the letters sent by the Building department and the Zoning Inspector and she'll send a letter.**

10730 First St., Christopher Mathews house is up on blocks, they're replacing the foundation and the space beneath the house is wide open and the neighbors are complaining, concerned children might get hurt. **John Trew is going to send him an Exterior Maintenance violation citation.**

4474 W. Prospect, Scot Angle lawn and house Mayor said she was contacted by Mark Miller who is interested in purchasing the property. He has questions on the parcel that the Cemetery owns.

4741 E. Prospect, Lucas Randall 8188 Cooley Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266 shrubbery getting out of hand.

10760 Main St. Brent Minerovic mailing address 4766 Streeter Rd Mantua. Lower level of old Dr's Office converted into apartment. This is a County issue as he needs to get an inspection and occupancy permit. The Mayor suggested that we send him a letter to advise him to do this.

Scott asked about Snyder's house at Main and Mill. He has been release from jail, so we should proceed again.

Scott asked about how we are going to handle boarding houses. It was decided to discuss next month.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 by Scott all yeas.