

**Council for the Village of Yellow Springs
Emergency Session Minutes**

Virtual @ 6:30 P.M.

Monday, August 30, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Brian Housh called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Housh, Vice President Marianne MacQueen and Council members Kevin Stokes, Lisa Kreeger and Laura Curliss. Planning Commission Chair Frank Doden was present, as were PC members Matt Kirk, Stephen Green, Sarah Amend, Susan Stiles and Gary Zaremsky. Also present were Planning and Zoning Administrator Denise Swinger, Village Manager Josue Salmeron and Solicitor Breanne Parcels.

NEW BUSINESS

Housh began the meeting with a check in of all members of both bodies regarding their expectations for the meeting. Several persons noted their desire for clearer communication between the bodies, and several remarked that they hoped for a better understanding of processes.

Ohio Ethics Law. Parcels presented a Power Point on the topic and responded to questions.

How are Changes Made to the Zoning Code? What is Legal; What is Ethical; What is Effective. Swinger explained several methods for bringing a proposed text amendment to Planning Commission, noting that PC then votes to make a recommendation to Council, who either approve, modify or deny the recommendation in the form of legislation.

Parcels noted that by Charter, PC is permitted to set its own rules. She noted that while PC has only a guideline for behavior at this point, it can be expanded to include any number of rules and/or communications. She pointed out that the Commission must serve “not only what you wish to have, but what you do have, noting the need to protect infrastructure.

Amend expressed frustration with section 1262.04, saying that she would like this section explicitly defined to provide more guidance in decision-making.

Swinger followed up with this, asking what role 1262.04 plays in a decision if a requester meets all other code requirements.

PUD Process Discussion. Swinger walked those present through the PUD process and stressed that the process takes a minimum of 2-3 months to complete.

Doden noted the “cheat sheet” he devised to help PC members understand the steps they have to consider in the PUD process. He asked that all PC members review this and be prepared to bring any questions or concerns to the preliminary work session for the next scheduled PUD.

Discussion of Ideas/Concerns. Matt Kirk asked what PC could do to encourage multi-family dwellings.

Kreeger stated that it is imperative that Council members observe PC meetings that cover hearings or topics which will come to Council.

Housh commented that PC should be considered in the goals process and that funding of projects accompany this consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00pm, Curliss MOVED, and MacQueen SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 9-0 on a voice vote.

Brian Housh, Council President

Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council