

CITY OF CHARDON PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

Members Present:

Andrew Blackley, Chairman
Chris Grau
Lene Hill
Dean Peska

Mary Jo Stark, Vice-Chairman
Collin Wantz

Hannah Sekas

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Ben Chojnacki, Law Director
Doug Courtney, City Engineer
Rebecca Repasky, Secretary

Steve Yaney, Community Development
Administrator

Mr. Blackley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll was called.

Mr. Blackley said everyone received copies of the April 20, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Grau to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Peska. Mrs. Hill abstained. The vote carried 6-0.

Mr. Blackley reminded all that were present to identify themselves for purposes of the video meeting via Zoom.

OTHER BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

PC Case #20-060: Mr. Yaney explained the applicant, City of Chardon, is requesting a text amendment to the Planning and Zoning Code, Sections 1129.09 (Signs in Non-Residential Districts) and 1129.13 (Signs in Residential Districts) to allow for additional temporary non-commercial signs no larger than sixteen square feet in an area up to thirty (30) days prior to the day absentee ballots are available or the day early voting is permitted. Mr. Yaney said this is needed as it was an oversight when the Planning & Zoning Code was redone last year with Mr. Hart. He said this will be consistent with the intent of the Planning & Zoning Code and it effects all zoning districts in the city equally. He said Staff recommends for approval; it was also recommended for approval by the Legislative Committee.

Mr. Blackley asked for clarification regarding the large blue signs in the past election. Mr. Yaney said that will be prohibited because they were 4'x8', not 4'x4'. Mr. Blackley asked if Mr. Chojnacki is comfortable with this proposal. Mr. Chojnacki said yes; it is a common-sense approach and

there comes point where it becomes a distraction to the community. Mr. Blackley asked what happens if someone does not comply. Mr. Yaney said they will receive a warning letter first, then it will go to the Law Director.

Mr. Grau made a motion to recommend to City Council the adoption of text amendments 1129.09 and 1129.13. It was seconded by Mr. Peska. Roll was called. The vote carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

Mr. Peska made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Grau.

Respectfully Submitted:

ANDREW BLACKLEY, CHAIRMAN

Rebecca Repasky, Secretary