

**CITY OF CHARDON PLANNING COMMISSION**

*Meeting Minutes*

October 19, 2020

**Members Present:**

Andrew Blackley, Chairman  
Chris Grau  
Lene Hill  
Hannah Sekas

Mary Jo Stark, Vice-Chairman  
Collin Wantz

**Members Absent:**

Dean Peska

**Also Present:**

Jim Aveni  
Ben Chojnacki, Law Director  
Doug Courtney, City Engineer  
Ben Gingrich  
Ray and Lisa Laino

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 October 5, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Grau to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mrs. Sekas. The vote carried 4-0. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Stark abstained.

Mr. Blackley reminded all that were present to identify themselves for purposes of the video meeting via Zoom. He swore in City Staff.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PC Case #20-170** – Mr. Yaney explained the applicant, Lisa and Ray Laino, are requesting a Conditional Use approval for a church/religious assembly in the “C-3” Traditional Commercial District for religious services and classrooms. Mr. Yaney explained the applicant met all conditions for the conditional use – and the Fire Department and Building Department have no issues with this request.

Mr. Blackley asked if there is adequate parking. Mr. Yaney said yes, in the front and back of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Ray Laino was sworn in.

Mr. Blackley asked if the FOE is the landlord. Mr. Laino said yes. Mr. Blackley asked if there is a parking agreement. Mr. Laino said yes. Mr. Blackley asked about signage and use of the FOE's

sign board. Mr. Laino said there is no signage yet, and no use of the FOE's sign board. He will work with Mr. Yaney for a sign on the building in the future.

Mrs. Sekas made a motion to approve the Conditional Use at 317/319 Water Street. It was seconded by Mrs. Hill.

Mr. Grau requested Item #6 on page 2 of the Announcement of Decision not say 'wireless telecommunications facility'. Mr. Yaney said he would correct that. The vote carried 6-0.

**PC Case #20-189** – Mr. Yaney explained the applicant, Jim Aveni, is requesting architectural review for exterior renovations at 425 Water Street. Mr. Yaney explained there is building maintenance issues and water is coming in from the roof. Mr. Yaney said the roofer suggested using a roofing material to avoid the problem in the future. The City Architect okayed using an antique bronze color for the facade.

Mr. Ben Gingrich and Mr. Jim Aveni were sworn in.

Mr. Aveni commented that the color was not to match the clock tower at the opposite end of the plaza. Mr. Gingrich commented that the intent is to keep Marc's as a unique look and logo – the goal is to compliment the plaza, not match it.

Mrs. Stark asked if the design will look like Key Bank on Center Street. Mr. Yaney said no.

The Planning Commission requested new renderings be sent for review with three (3) color options for the Commission to choose from and then schedule a special meeting to vote on the architectural review.

Mr. Grau made a motion to table the case until updated renderings have been provided to the Commission for review. It was seconded by Mrs. Stark. The vote carried 6-0.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Yaney asked the Commission if they would prefer a special meeting for Starbucks or wait until the regularly scheduled November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Commission said November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Blackley commented the new extension of the bike path looks great.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – none

Mr. Grau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. It was seconded by Mrs. Stark.

Respectfully Submitted:

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ANDREW BLACKLEY, CHAIRMAN

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Rebecca Repasky, Secretary