

Village of New Richmond Planning Commission

Thursday January 5th, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members attending were Councilperson Ryan Woodruff, , Mayor Glenn Ewing, Theresa Leigh, Kurtis Boggs and Elizabeth Hill.

Also in attendance were the Interim Village Administrator and Zoning, Bob Lindhorst, Councilman Dennis Dalton, Council Clerk, Kelley Snider, and residents Sophie Woodruff, Mike Dobbins

The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

Agenda & items discussed:

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Theresa Leigh made a motion was made to accept the minutes for November and December 2022, seconded by Kurtis Boggs.

1. Zoning Update

2022

Permits issued: 142 permit fees collected \$54,462

Housing Permits: 63

Ryan Homes: 41

DR Horton: 21

Violations Issued: 73

Tom Wulker, Greg Roberts and Andrew Gephart started working on updating the Zoning Book last year. Its time consuming, but we need to have this document easily accessible for our meetings. Its outdated. Will check out West Union or Yellow Springs Zoning information. Can we use the 2016 document and amendments? Will try to make Laser Fiche accessible and will see if we can find Theresa Leighs older emails. Liz Hill suggested we have a solicitor, which would be costly. Theresa made an Index Code when she was still here. The Overlay maps are the trickiest to work with. Will find the most recent Comprehensive Plan, then find the questionnaire and create a survey for the public of what they want to see. We could set up groups to work together on the zoning. Will ask Dani Spiegel if she would be interested in help ing out.

2. KZF Update

KZF/Liberty Landing has been publicized over a month. We will do one last push on our website and Facebook.

3. Lodging Tax

Will find an ordinance from another municipality, Yellow Springs or Mt Orab, and share with our Solicitor to get something going for New Richmond. Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin has agreed to take on the role of tax collection lodging. This will be for all “transient rentals”. It was noted the most that can be charged is 6% and the county gets 3%. This will go into the General Fund. There are 250 rentals in the village, but that doesn’t include River Pines as they are privately owned. Will share this with our Solicitor so we can have an answer for January 24th meeting.

4. Drug Treatment Facility / 401 Market Street

We do not have Legislation as to how many Drug Treatment Facilities that the village can have. We currently have one other Treatment Center on Old US 52. There is concern about about the call/runs that come in for the EMS/Fire Department. At what point can we approach the business and make it a “nuisance”. Portsmouth Ohio ran into issues with this. Councilperson Woodruff will work on this more. Liz Hill heard that Union Township drops off their Treatment patients to New Richmond. Also asked monthly meetings with the county and other municipalities as well as the last survey we did for Liberty Landing. She has been hearing information about Appalachian Grants and Ohio Riverway. Councilperson Dalton confirmed everyone has been communicating and attending meetings for 2-3 months. Theresa Leigh asked if these meetings will be on Zoom. Councilperson Woodruff and Kurtis Boggs will work on this together.

4. Marijuana Dispensaries

Need to look at the pros and cons. Need to check and see if it is based on population. Milford Ordinance was printed off and shared. We need to have Legislation in place. Kurtis Boggs has a friend that has this type of business and will see if he can come to a meeting. Mike Dobbins suggested a Moratorium. Councilperson Woodruff and Kurtis Boggs will also work on this together.

5. George Patterson

George Pattison called Bob Lindhorst and inquired about the village purchasing 4 parcels located adjacent to the EMS Building. (Vornholts property)

6. Horton Sign

It was asked if we could get a Horton sign up at the Union Station Park. Will check on this and see if we can put 2 signs in the park. Bob Lindhort was going to talk to Horton and see if they would like to “Adopt” Union Station Park.

7. Meetings

We made need to consider having 2 meetings a month.

Meetings End@ 7:36pm