

Garrettsville Planning Commission Minutes

January 7, 2010

At 7:15 pm, Chairman Steve Hadzinsky called the January meeting of the Garrettsville Planning Commission to order with Mayor Craig Moser, Don Harvey, Jeff Kaiser Michele Stuck, Solicitor, and Jan Boehm, Zoning Inspector present. Jerry Kehoe was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Hadzinsky requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. There was no discussion; the minutes of December 3, 2009, were approved when Jeff Kaiser motioned to approve the minutes; Don Harvey seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous

Mrs. Gwen Mayer was in attendance to request permission to place an Ohio historical marker commemorating Garrettsville's contributions to the Maple Industry in the sidewalk at 8107 Main Street. Mrs. Mayer stated it was the Historical Society's wish and hers to immortalize the maple industries contributions to our community with a highly visible Main Street permanent location. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer stated it was their impression the sign would not interfere with Main or High Streets traffic visibility, street maintenance or snow removal.

Mayor Moser stated the Planning Commission admired Mrs. Mayer's efforts to commemorate the historical contributions of the maple industry to the community; however, he expressed his concerns that the sign would create an obstacle to pedestrian traffic.

After a broad discussion regarding the placement of the historic plaque, Mrs. Mayer stated she would be willing to accept the Mayor's and Planning Commission's discretion on a visible permanent placement.

Mrs. Bisard, from the audience, stated if the plaque would be placed in the sidewalk, it may be blocked by parked vehicles; suggested mounting the sign on the Historical Society's building.

Mr. Kaiser suggested an alternate location, east of South Street, out of the right of way, by the entrance to the boardwalk. This suggestion was favorably considered. Mr. Harvey also stated that a location must be chosen to enable individuals enough time to see the plaque; driving on Main Street presents enough distractions with existing diagonal parking and the current width of the street.

Mrs. Mayer stated at this time she would like the plaque placed and dedicated prior to the start of the 2010 maple syrup season.

Mayor Moser requested Mrs. Mayer obtain, complete, and submit a sign application with three locations listed for the proposed placement of the plaque; at which time the locations would be reviewed and a suitable location will be decided.

A review of Mr. Matthew Ryser's request to the Design Review Board for a sign permit for his business at 10878 North Street, located in the Residential/Commercial zoning district was briefly discussed.

Verizon's proposed plans to erect a back up generator at the Brosius Road cell tower location were reviewed. The zoning inspector was instructed to forward a Site Plan Review Application to Mr. Newsome, a representative of Verizon.

A picture of the storage shed and sign located at 8135 Windham Street was reviewed. Chairman Hadzinsky stated he would contact Mr. Randall, owner of the business at that location, regarding the sign and shed prior to the next meeting.

The zoning inspector was instructed to contact residents on Highland and Freedom Streets regarding two carports which came to the attention of the Planning Commission as well as the Garrettsville Sports Complex for the removal of advertising signs throughout the Village.

Chairman Hadzinsky called for a motion for adjournment. Don Harvey motioned and Mayor Moser seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous

Planning Commission Chairman

Zoning Inspector