

Garrettsville Planning Commission Minutes

March 3, 2011

At 7:00 pm, Chairman Steve Hadzinsky called the March meeting of the Garrettsville Planning Commission to order with Mayor, Craig Moser, Jerry Kehoe, Don Harvey, Gretchen Cram, Michele Stuck, Solicitor, and Jan Boehm, Zoning Inspector present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Hadzinsky called for approval of the minutes of February 3, 2011. The Planning Commission approved the minutes for February 2011, when Mayor Moser motioned to approve the minutes and Jerry Kehoe seconded the motion. Gretchen Cram and Don Harvey abstained due to their previous absence.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous

A discussion commenced as a result of an order from Council regarding poultry and bee keeping within village limits. The Planning Commission also reviewed Ordinances 505.01, (a), (d), (e), and 1149.05 (m) Livestock; 1135.01, (21) although this does not define poultry as livestock. After the ensuing discussion, Mayor Moser motioned to allow chickens within the village limits with the following stipulations: chickens would be limited to 12 hen birds, no roosters; the chicken coop would be no greater than 100 sq. ft., the fence enclosure to be not greater than 400 sq. ft.; the entire enclosure to be located at least 50' from any property line. The chicken coop would be considered an accessory structure and would require a zoning permit as any other accessory structure erected within Village limits. Along with the above, an amendment to ordinance 1149.05(m) would include fowl of all types and roosters. Jerry Kehoe seconded the above motion.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous

A review and discussion of last month's distributed copies of internet sweepstakes/internet device café ordinances from Macedonia and Lorain with reference to Garrettsville commenced.

After a discussion, the Planning Commission arrived at the following initial proposal. An annual fee of \$5,000.00 would be levied per business, as well as a \$100.00 annual fee for each machine with no restriction on the maximum limit of machines. The internet sweepstakes/internet device café would be limited to the C-2 zoning districts on State Street and Windham Streets. The hours of operation would be 10AM to 10PM week nights, Friday and Saturday 10AM to 12AM, and Sundays 1PM to 10PM. The above establishments are not to be located less than 1,000 feet from schools or establishments selling alcohol, are subject to Garrettsville's income tax laws, taxation on winnings with monetary value will also be levied, and no alcohol will be permitted in the internet sweepstakes/internet device cafes.

Mayor Moser motioned to accept the above guidelines into an ordinance; Chairman Hadzinsky seconded the motion.

Solicitor Stuck was requested to formulate ordinances to reflect both above motions.

At this time Don Harvey motioned for an adjournment and Jerry Kehoe seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous