

Zilwaukee Planning Commission Meeting

April 12th, 2023

Present: Norm Burke, Dennis Duro, Jordan Driscoll, Doug Gilbert, Don LaBeff and Joan Waters

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Jordan Driscoll

Motion was made by Jordan to approve the minutes of March 8th 2023 meeting seconded by Don LaBeff with one change Mary Bourbino City Administrators last name was misspelled should be Bourbina. 355 N. Adams be added to Zimmermans. All approved minutes.

No Agenda was submitted

Review of the Master Plan is the purpose of this meeting.

Regarding the Church: update it is in the hands of the attorneys and it could take some time to get information. Don LaBeff stated that in the past this board sent letters to owner and feels the owner should start the whole process over. Stemple, Zoning Administrator should have notified the owner. We need to follow procedures.

Talked about the new garbage bins and where and how they are to be stored due to the fact they are quite large, and time limits they should remain on the street before and after garbage pickup. Doug Gilbert stated we should make recommendation to the council and let them make the decision they need to not be visible from the road.

Norm Burke questioned about Animal Rescue that was supposed to build on the corner of Tittabawassee and Venoy they are not going to build there and there was talk of them wanting to build a storage facility there. Also, there is a shed currently on the property and felt it should be removed due to being in violation, and should it go to the Code Enforcement Officer who may be the Police Chief or John Stemple. Maybe send a recommendation to Mary regarding this matter.

Reviewing Mast plan page 12 1,2,3. Capital Improvement Plan. Mary should be giving us an update on this. Norm stated the New Roof on City Hall is not a Capital Improvement but a Capital Expense.

12-4 Pertaining to Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation need a new plan. Don LaBeff stated they both need to hire a consultant to assist us as well to review the Zoning Ordinances.

Norm feels we should go page by page

Jordan said we need 5-year review and it needs updating.

Dennis stated we need a consultant to help us and a grant writer Doug agreed. To get started we should work with Mary and the Municipal League Main problem is were in the Flood Plain. Jordan explained about retention basin, tanks were used in Michigan by another town, Army

Corp of Engineers need to be involved and Dredging is possible. Jordan will discuss all our concerns with Mary. Don would like to see a copy of the census, also can someone write tickets for code enforcement, Norm wants to have Mary check on the Trains that come though Zilwaukee what they are hauling due to the recent train derailments, Are there homestead exemptions on some of the vacant homes, Car charging stations, should the church be paying taxes?, etc. a lot of questions for Mary.

Motions was made by Jordan second by Dennis to adjourn the meeting. All in favor

Next Meeting May 10th, 2023