

July 12th, 2023

Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairperson Jordan Driscoll. Those present Norm Burke, Jordan Driscoll, Doug Gilbert and Joan Waters. Also in attendance was Mary Bourbina, City Manager and Gene Jolin, Mayor City of Zilwaukee.

The Pledge was recited

Motion was made by **Doug Gilbert** second by **Norm Burke** to approve the minutes for the April 12th 2023 meeting. Approved. No Agenda was submitted.

Mary submitted a letter that is for our August meeting regarding the church and the owner asking for an extension. **Jordan** stated we needed to have him here in order to discuss the situation.

Mary also submitted a print of the proposed river front development. Lions Club is currently managing it, and all improvements have to be approved by Consumers Energy, they have tentatively approved it but it needs to be approved by the environmental agency. Council has approved it but are waiting on Consumers to see if they can do the proposed fishing piers. **Jordan** feels that the Lions Club should work with the Parks and Recreation Board on this park expansion and should have been involved from the start. **Norm** stated it should have come to the Planning Commission first based on the Planning Enabling Act should have come to Planning first then if we approved it sent to Council not the other way around. **Gene** stated the Planning Enabling Act has nothing to do with fishing piers. **Norm** stated it does not matter who's paying for it.

Norm questioned the 5-year capital Improvement and Master Plans, also due to the number of train derailments do we know what the trains that go through Zilwaukee are hauling, if its toxic substances, have the fire department been informed of what the trains are hauling. **Mary** stated she had a conversation with Saginaw County there is a plan regarding trains and what they are hauling and they are planning a meeting with the council and fire department regarding this. **Norm** asked about the number of rental units have been inspected by Charles Allore, of the DPW and John Stemple, Zoning Administrator. **Norm** question if these units and other vacant houses are still receiving the Homestead exemption. **Mary** stated they are checking on it. **Norm** also asked about the electric car chargers it was suggested we install. **Mary** stated it was on hold for now it's a wait and see situation. **Doug** stated it would be a stop off point for those needing to charge their vehicle and continue on, and Zilwaukee doesn't have anything for people to do while they are waiting for their vehicle to charge. **Norm** questioned if there is a class available for Planning Commission. **Mary** stated there is online and also if you want to travel. **Norm** also wants placed on the agenda for next month the 5 year Capital Improvement.

Doug asked about if we were going to have an ordinance regarding the new trash cans. **Mary** stated there have been no complaints so far and that Carrollton is the only township that has an ordinance regarding this if a problem happens, we will address it then. **Doug** feels we need one in place just in case.

Mary stated we now have 4 part time police officers Taya is going to be our code enforcement officer, Zimmer's on Adams still has some vehicles there that are in the process of being removed along with the storage containers **Mary** sent letters and had 2 attorneys contact her stating they are working on it.

Next meeting is August 9th 2023. Two items on agenda so far. Motion to adjourn by **Jordan** seconded by **Doug**