

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2011**

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The Village of Germantown Planning Commission met in regular session on January 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Brent Byerly, Matt Lang, Andrew Rohrbach, and Ed Schwaberow.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Jones was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Anna M. Sizemore, Village Manager.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Lang motioned to excuse Jeff Jones.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Rohrbach, yes; Mr. Schwaberow, yes; Mr. Byerly, yes. 4-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORGANIZATION:

Mr. Lang moved that Mr. Jones serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Rohrbach, yes; Mr. Schwaberow, yes; Mr. Byerly, yes. 4-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Schwaberow moved that Mr. Rohrbach serve as Vice Chair.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Rohrbach, yes; Mr. Schwaberow, yes; Mr. Byerly, yes. 4-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Lang moved that the meeting dates will be the fourth Tuesday of each month.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Rohrbach, yes; Mr. Schwaberow, yes; Mr. Byerly, yes. 4-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Schwaberow moved to approve the October 27, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Rohrbach, yes; Mr. Schwaberow, yes; Mr. Byerly, abstained. 3-yes, 1- abstention. MOTION CARRIED.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Schwaberow stated as a courtesy, the Board should let the Village Office know when we are unable to attend a scheduled meeting. If the member does not call to notify the Village office, he would rather not excuse them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Sizemore stated that there was a BZA meeting held last week for a Conditional Use Application for a home occupation on South Walnut Street made by William Heistand for a taxidermy business. There was one resident that did object but the BZA did approve the application. The Board put a lot of restrictions on Mr. Heistand as far as the business especially in the advertisement of the business. According to the Zoning Code Mr. Heistand is allowed to have a small sign and he is planning on putting up a sign that conforms to the specifications. Mr. Jones did not want to allow the sign at Mr. Heistands home but Mr. Johnson pointed out that according to the Code, Mr. Heistand is allowed to have a sign. The BZA wants the Planning Commission to look at the code and possibly remove it from the regulations for a home occupation.

A brief discussion took place regarding the BZA's request for the Planning Commission for a sign used for a Home Occupation/Conditional Use. It was determined that they would review the Code and discuss this matter at the next meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding a new application for a change of zoning at 303 East Market Street for a beauty salon. It was determined that the staff would check to see exactly what the building status is from NIC building department for 303 East Market Street.

Mr. Schwaberow stated a few years ago there was a lot of discussion concerning the minimum lot size and house size here in the Village. He would like to see the younger generation able to build a home that does not have to be a \$250,000 first home. He does not want to see people turned away from building from the Villages over restricted requirements. We don't want to make anyone think that we are better than them.

A brief discussion took place regarding the building restrictions in some of the subdivisions in the Village. It was determined that the Planning Commission would look into the restrictions of some of the subdivisions over the next few months.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council