FERRYSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Reifel at 7:00 p.m.

2. Members present: Reifel, Tuggle, Matvichuk, Blease
   Members absent: Jonas, Rahilly

3. Moved by Matvichuk, seconded by Blease, to approve the October 7, 2021, agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Moved by Blease, seconded by Tuggle, to approve the August 12, 2021, minutes as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments: None.

6. Vice-Chairman Reifel opened a public hearing at 7:06 p.m. to consider a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code, Chapter 154 Zoning, to amend Section 4.80 and 9.120 to allow and regulate accessory upper-floor dwelling units in the LI-1 Zone District.

   There were no public comments. Chairman Reifel closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

7. Board Members discussed proposed changes from Todd Kamps to the draft ordinance. Board Members requested Dave Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning, to make revisions to the ordinance.

8. Moved by Blease, seconded by Tuggle, to table a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code, Chapter 154 Zoning, to amend Section 4.80 and 9.120 to allow and regulate accessory upper-floor dwelling units in the LI-1 Zone District.

9. Board Members discussed the outdoor placement of motor homes, boats, and recreational type vehicles.

   Board Members reviewed the results from the worksheet regarding parking regulations.

   Vice-Chairman Reifel read into the record two correspondences from Deborah Murdoch opposing changing the current ordinance.

   Board Members requested Mr. Jirousek to draft possible guidelines to regulate the outdoor placement of small motor homes, boats, and recreational type vehicles.
10. Public Comments: None.

11. Zoning Administrator’s Report. Zoning Administrator Bessinger commented at their meeting on Monday, October 4, City Council did not approve the solar energy systems ordinance.

12. Vice-Chairman’s Report:

Vice-Chairman Reifel stated a Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) has been created by City Council to analyze Ferrysburg’s current economic development and then make recommendations to the City Council. The EDTF has invited area businesses to a public forum on Wednesday, October 20 to discuss possible tax abatements and incentives to assist their business.

13. Members’ Reports/Comments:

Commissioners Matvichuk asked if the Gene Street drain issue had been resolved. Zoning Administrator Bessinger commented the drain had been cleaned out.

Commissioner Blease commented his role on the Planning Commission may change after the November election.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Craig Bessinger, Recording Secretary