FERRYSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order by Manager Bessinger at 7:00 p.m.

2. Members present: Jonas, Reifel, Tuggle, Sjoberg, Weber, Hawley
   Members absent: Carlson

3. Moved by Sjoberg, seconded by Tuggle, to excuse Commissioner Carlson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Moved by Tuggle, seconded by Sjoberg, to select John Reifel as Chairperson for 2022-2023. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Moved by Hawley, seconded by Jonas, to select Reginia Sjoberg as Vice-Chairperson for 2022-2023. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Moved by Sjoberg, seconded by Hawley, to select Zoning Administrator Bessinger as Secretary for 2022-2023. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Commissioner Sjoberg read Commissioner’s Carlson’s July 7, 2022, email regarding the appointment of a candidate to the Planning Commission.

8. Moved by Sjoberg, seconded by Weber, to approve the July 7, 2022, agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Moved by Jonas, seconded by Hawley, to approve the June 2, 2022, minutes corrected to reflect in number 8, the year ought to be 2022, not 2002. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Public Comments:

Lisa Royce, 17700 Navaho Drive, asked why Mike DeWitt’s application was on the agenda. Manager Bessinger commented the application was on the agenda if Planning Commission Members wished to make another recommendation to City Council on appointment of a new member.

Mike DeWitt, 16920 VanWagoner Road, commented on his qualifications to be on the Planning Commission.

11. Commissioners discussed David Jirousek’s June 30, 2022, memo regarding electric vehicle charging stations. The consensus of members was to continue discussion at the next meeting.
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12. Applicant for Commissioner Mike DeWitt was not in attendance.

13. Moved by Jonas, seconded by Tuggle, to cancel the August 4, 2022, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Public Comments:

Lisa Royce, 17700 Navaho Drive, commented she supported the Commission’s recommendation to the Mayor to appoint Jake Stearley to the Planning Commission.


16. Chairman’s Report:

Planning Commission has had a good relationship with City Council and hopes that continues.

17. Members’ Reports/Comments:

Commissioner Jonas commented the Planning Commission has been respectful which makes residents comfortable when they come in to speak to the Commission. Would like to keep it that way and if comments are not made fairly on a public forum, should not be on the Commission.

Commissioner Tuggle agreed with the comments and welcomed back Commissioner Jonas.

Commissioner Sjoberg commented she began on the Planning Commission in November, 2011, and the need to work collaboratively for the good of the City.

Commissioner Hawley commented on the need to have discussions, not arguments.

18. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Craig Bessinger, Recording Secretary