

Newbold Plan Commission February 17, 2022

A meeting of the Newbold Plan Commission was held on February 17, 2022 beginning at 4:00 PM at the Newbold Town Hall.

Members in attendance: Mike Suefloh, Dan Chronister, Dick Guidinger, Jeff Pennucci, Joseph Steinhage, Jim Staskiewicz and Bill Jaeger.

Members excused: All present.

Absent: None.

Others present: Glenn Schiffmann.

1.0 Call the meeting to order: Mr. Suefloh called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Verification of posting: The Agenda for this meeting was properly noticed by posting a copy on each of the three (3) Town bulletin boards.

2.0 Review and approval of minutes of December 2, 2021. Mr. Staskiewicz moved with second by Mr. Pennucci to approve the minutes as presented with one typographical correction. Motion carried.

3.0 Administrative Review Permit application by GPS Inc., owner to operate commercial Storage rental facility that includes the construction of two (2) new buildings on the Following described property: Part of the Fractional NW ¼ , Section 3, T39N

R8E, PIN #NE 952-9, Town of Newbold. Mr. Schiffmann proposed to construct two storage buildings divided into stalls to rent. This type of storage is often called “self-storage”. The property is located on highway 70 east of St. Germain. The two buildings will contain a total of 60 storage units. The lot has room for future expansion to 180 units. The property is crossed by an ATV trail for which there will be a land use agreement. Land disturbance is expected to be 38,000 square feet which is less than one acre so a DNR storm water permit would not be needed. Discussion included access and right of way to the highway and setback from the highway. After review Staskiewicz moved with second by Chronister to recommend approval by the Town Board.

4.0 Discussion - Commission Format. This was a general discussion to clarify responsibilities and procedures for the Plan Commission. Discussion items included the Plan Commission’s interaction with the Town Board, draft minutes review, open meeting and records requirements and Town ordinances. No action was taken.

5.0 Administrative review. Mr. Steinhage expressed disappointment that most of the Plan Commission meetings have little or no attendance by Town residents and landowners unless they need an approval from the Commission. Mr. Steinhage wondered if something could be done to attract more participation. There was discussion of a few ideas but no action was taken.

6.0 Public comment. Mr. Schiffmann presented his concerns with Short Term Rentals of lake front properties. Potential problems include effects of high levels of motorboat use causing degradation of lake water quality and late night noise from vacationers. Mr. Schiffmann suggested there should be more effort to identify rentals operating without health and safety permits and noncompliance with County rental standards. He said Towns should be getting room taxes from these rentals. Lastly, Mr. Schiffmann expressed concerns over the aesthetic impacts to neighbors by storage containers when they are placed close to neighboring properties.

Meeting closed at 5:27 pm.

Submitted by,

Bill Jaeger, Secretary