

**Village of Pinckney
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes
August 4, 2008**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gergel at 7:35 pm.

Roll Call: Present – Don Bego, Robert MacDonald, Reed Starkey, Mike Gergel and Mark Martel. Absent – Allison Austin, Dan Krueger, Nancy Powell, and Paul Siersma.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Commissioner Starkey, seconded by Commissioner Bego, to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of July 7, 2008 Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Bego, seconded by Commissioner Starkey, to approve the minutes as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Reports:

Chairperson: Chairman Gergel stated he would speak to Commissioner Powell to determine if she is able to return to the Planning Commission. Also, he will speak to the Village President to determine the reappointment dates for each of the members. He added that he may have to step down as Chairman due to demands from his job.

He advised that Mr. Siersma will not be at tonight's meeting.

Secretary-Correspondence: Commissioner MacDonald reminded Commissioners to finish the "Citizen Planner" course. Commissioners can not be re-appointed to the Planning Commission when their term is up if this is not complete.

Zoning Administrator: Mr. Martel stated that Taco Bell will be at next month's Planning Commission meeting to request an extension of their Special Land Use Approval.

Village has not heard any additional information about Pirate's Cove.

Carlisle/Wortman: Mr. Siersma was not present this evening.

Public Forum: Chairman Gergel opened Public Forum at 7:35 pm.

Carl Berg discussed several concerns with the Draft future Land Use map with the Commission. He asked why several areas were marked a park, recreation, and

conservation. Also why is the site of the park and Village End marked as Central business district?

He also expressed concern with the master plan draft chapters submitted by Carlisle/Wortman. Why is the village paying an outsider to decide on what the Village wants for itself? The personal knowledge of a long time resident should be considered. He is also concerned that money is being spent to look into things like the chapter on “Hazard Mitigation”.

The Public Forum was closed at 8:01 pm.

Agenda

Zoning Amendments: needed for compliance with PA 110

Chairman Gergel read a letter from Paul Siersma Dated July 28, 2008, which stated he will be working with Village Lawyer and the Village president to ensure that wording in amendments meets legal requirements and are consistent within the PA 110. He will have his recommended changes ready by September or October.

Master Plan

Commissioners reviewed the submitted draft chapters from the master plan as presented by Carlisle/Wortman. No members had any concerns with the chapters as presented, except for the Future Land Use chapter. Under the heading “*Central Business District*”, the CBD designation provides high-density development with a mixture of pedestrian accessibility consisting of a variety of retail, office, service, and residential uses in the downtown area.” Members suggested removing the words “consisting of a variety of”. To make the sentence read better. It was also noted that under the section of residential land, the word “Intensity” is misspelled.

Mr. Siersma provided the Planning Commission with a letter stated that he is putting together this information to present to the Commission at next month’s meeting.

Public Forum: The Public Forum was opened at 8:20 pm.

Mr. Karl Berg volunteered to help look at the Master Plan.

The Public Forum was closed at 8:21 pm.

Member Discussion:

No Commissioners had items for the member discussion this evening.

Adjournment: Moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Starkey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**