Village of Wampsville Planning Board January 25th, 2022

In Attendance

Justin Szratter, Lori Seymour, Kathy Anania, Marcia Rafte, Gerald Seymour, Jr., Maddison Jaquin. Guests: Jessica, Stephen from Madison County Planning

Call to Order

Chairman, Justin Szratter called the Planning Board Meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

The board reviewed the November 30th, 2021, meeting minutes. A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Marcia Rafte and seconded by Kathy Anania. All in favor - motion carried

Comprehensive Plan

Justin Szratter, Jessica and Stephen from Madison County Planning led the Board in discussion of the review of the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan. When reviewing the Park and Recreation department, Mrs. Lori Seymour made input that she would like the verbiage of children in that section to change to community as the parks where intended for all age groups to enjoy.

Jessica Geary brought up ideas such as forming a group to clean out the canal and add kayak access sites. Marcia Rafte noted that the Eagle Scouts may be a good contact for a project of such nature. Jessica stated that there were 3 separate spots along the canal that could pose an issue for kayakers but thinks adding loading sites before and after could alleviate these problems.

Lori Seymour noted during the review of the infrastructure section that she is not in any favor of additional street signs as she believes sign pollution is already an issue. Justin Szratter concurs. Jessica Greary did go over other traffic calming measures that could be implemented to have similar affects. Kayla Anania expressed her concern for the high speeds she witnesses in front of her residence. Justin Szratter explains that being county roads he doesn't see there being much done in this department but still wants them noted as goals on the Comprehensive Plan.

Solar Panels became a hot topic whence reviewing the Environment section. There were talk amongst all Board members about community solar programs. Lori Seymour did note that we will need to ensure nothing conflicts with local laws already in place before further review of this topic.

Jessica Greary led the Board in review of the Agricultural section of the Comprehensive Plan. She had many suggestions including a community garden. Lori Seymour suggested providing training to families on how to garden and Jessica enlightened the group that Madison County just started a Master Gardening program to do just that. Jessica reviews other key points regarding the protection of the agricultural land here in Wampsville.

Jessica informed the group she will include accomplishments in the Narrative in the second draft.

New Business

Justin Szratter brings up a local news story regarding emotional support animals. He wants to ensure that farm animals cannot be held as emotional support animals in Wampsville. Board members ensured there is a local law regarding just that. Justin still plans on looking into the terms of emotional support

and if our local law is enough to protect Wampsville from a similar situation.

All Planning Board members are to, on their own time go over this first draft and provide the Secretary, Maddison Jaquin with any notes or revisions to be sent to Jessica by next Thursday.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be held on February 22nd, 2022

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. was made by Kathy Anania. Lori Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried

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