

Minutes
December 12, 2018

Present: Susan Schreibman (SS), Larry Walter (LW), Alvin Figiel (AF) and Patrick Griffin (PG).

Also Present: Tara Kelly, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator, and Barbara Spaulding, recording secretary.

SS, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

- I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS – Zoning Update.**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2018.**

LW moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2018. PG seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. NEW BUSINESS –** SS discussed a conversation she had with Laura Maclachlan regarding tiny homes. The Stafford students are building a tiny house and in the current zoning there are some regulations that restrict how tiny houses are permitted or not. It was thought that this could become a civics lesson for the students to learn about permitting and zoning. SS suggested that the teacher and students attend the January 23 meeting of the Planning Commission to present their plans.

Discussion continued as to the possibility of establishing interim Zoning Bylaws to make changes to the existing zoning in order to more easily allow tiny houses as housing. Tara discussed how tiny houses would be reviewed under current zoning. There was also discussion of mobile homes and whether the current zoning is in sync with State Law.

AF asked Tara if there had been any inquiries about tiny houses. Tara said there had been several inquiries in the past year. SS suggested the Commission be proactive rather than reactive and she would like to tackle the topic of tiny homes beginning in January.

- V. OLD BUSINESS – Sign Ordinance Presentation.**

Tara distributed copies of the final draft of the sign presentation. She said the only changes included removing the slide regarding grandfather vs. amortization of current signs. SS asked the Commission to look over the document and forward comments to her.

The Community & Economic Development Committee of the Aldermen rescheduled the presentation to January 9. SS will invite Mike Gauthier to the meeting.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

VII. ADJOURN.

PG moved to adjourn. LW seconded. The meeting ended at 5:50 pm. The next meeting will be held January 9, 2018.

For the Commission:

Barbara Spaulding, Recording Secretary