

MINUTES - PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Trenton, Ohio

Date: 08-14-2023

7:00 p.m.

MEETING PLACE: CIVIC HALL - 11 EAST STATE STREET

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I.) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order late for a technical problem, the meeting started at 7:08 pm.
- II.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Recited
- III.) **ROLL CALL** – David Schreiber, Dale Perry, Ray Nichols, Michelle Payne and Josh Leasure all present. Also present was city manager Marcos Nichols and Planning and Zoning Administrator Bill Jones. Also present was Arron Sorrell from Community Planning Insights and Jose Casterjon from MSP Design.
- VI.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** A motion to amend the minutes of the June 12, 2023, meeting minutes by Josh Leasure correcting the word emotion to motion. A motion was then made to approve the amended June 12, 2023, minutes by Dale Perry, second by Josh Leasure. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.
- V.) **NEW BUSINESS** – Continued review of the 2050 comprehensive plan.
The Planning Commission wanted more time to read and go through the Comprehensive Plan and they have done so. There is a lot of information contained in the report.

The question was raised about what the people wanted to be contained in the small neighborhood parks. Mr. Sorrell stated that the people stated they wanted small new neighborhood parks, and they wanted specific things, but the plan did not contain these items specifically. The plan was just to make the council aware they wanted parks and amenities but that would be a planning decision the city needs to make in the future. The plan recommended the future park land be set aside and then a planning decision can be made on house to use such land. Landscape design experts could then assist in making plans for future parks.

It was also discussed that we need to adjust our code for our downtown area and farmland west of the city to possibly include clustering of homes where the homes are closer together, but land is open providing the needed green space.

It was also discussed that if we want a thriving downtown area, we need to have people living downtown using the retail spaces with a mixed-use type of area where we can have restaurants, retail, living areas, etc.

After no further discussion, Michelle Payne made a motion to recommend accepting the 2050 Comprehensive plan to the City Council, second by Josh Leasure. The vote was 4 yes, 1 no by Ray Nichols. Motion passed.

- VI.) REPORTS BY COMMISSION OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS** – Dale Perry thanks the guests for their presentations. No other reports.

- VII.) DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 09-11-2023

- VIII.) ADJOURNMENT** – Michelle Payne made a motion to adjourn, second by Dale Perry. The motion carried 5 yes and 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.