

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Plan Commission meeting on April 13, 2022

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Adopt agenda
4. Approve minutes: 3-30-22
5. Public input
6. Text Amendment for Heartland-10 (HL10) districts
7. Review of Current and Future Town Zoning Maps
8. Correspondence
9. Future meeting dates
10. Adjourn

Chair Nancy Goss called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Commissioners Anne Miller, Paul Schwengel, Cathy Ward, Paul Bokelmann, and Dan Watts were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms. Bill Surbaugh was excused. Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell was absent. M/M Jonathan Orrick, Karee Orrick and Sam Forkert also attended.

Miller moved, Goss second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

Ward moved, Schwengel second to approve the 3/30/22 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0.

Public Input – Sam Forkert sees the need for boat storage in the future.

Text amendment for HL10. The various uses of HL were compared to the Countryside (CS) zoning districts. Consensus was that this could be revisited if a number of requests for additional uses would come forward. Goss moved, Miller second to recommend that the Town Board petition the County Resource Planning Committee for a text amendment that uses permitted as conditional uses in the Heartland -10 (HL 10) districts include the following: Auto Repair (s.4.04(5)) and Trade or Contractor Establishments (s.4.04(7)). Roll call: Miller, Schwengel, Ward, Bokelmann, Watts, Goss—aye. Nay—0. Carried 6-0 with Surbaugh excused.

Town zoning maps. Several areas within the Town were mentioned to review for possible zoning adjustments. Some changes to mixed use commercial might be in order. The Town has no “main street” like other municipalities, so the commercial may be spread out in nodes. Congestion along the state highways is a concern. The commission will look at the County GIS site to identify areas with less traffic and commercial activity.

Issues: When is POWT capacity reached; the impact of STR registration as a business; look 20 years out.

Next meeting (April 27 at 7 pm) will look at light industrial, with conservation subdivisions after that.

Goss thanked retiring Paul Schwengel for his service on the Commission.

Miller moved, Ward second to adjourn at 8:00pm. Carried 6-0.

Walter Kalms, Administrator

Approved at the 4/27/2022 Plan Commission meeting.