

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Plan Commission meeting on January 25, 2023

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Adopt agenda
4. Approve minutes: 7-13-22
5. Public input
6. Economic Development Committee recommendation: investigate zoning change for parcel 018-02-33322814C to effect placement of 5 homes for the purpose of attainable housing
7. Correspondence
8. Future meeting dates
9. Adjourn

Chair Nancy Goss called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Commissioners Cathy Ward, Cheryl Culver, Dan Watts, Paul Bokelmann, and Bill Surbaugh were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, and Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell. Commissioner Ann Miller was excused

Surbaugh moved, Ward second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

Surbaugh moved, Goss second to approve the 7/13/22 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0.

Public Input – Kalms stated the County denied the Town’s HL10 Zoning amendment 18-1 but will allow the Town to reapply waiving the application fee and waiting period. Goss requested this and the STR ordinance be discussed at the next Plan Commission meeting.

Zoning 018-02-33322814C – Goss indicated that it would be difficult to change the zoning to anything besides Heartland (HL) and it would disrupt any credibility this Plan Commission has established with the County to request something that is not within the law. HL3.5 would be a tough sell to the neighbors because there are no other HL3.5 parcels remotely close. Bell reported the number of units allowed in the various HL zones when conservation subdivision is applied which would require a plat and engineering for public spaces and infrastructure. Kalms noted the electors will need to vote if the land were to be given/sold to a developer and if any building or improvements were to occur on Town land. Watts asked how to get employers to assist in addressing the housing issue. **Goss moved, Bokelmann second** to recommend that a zoning change not be pursued at this time and the Town return to considering the options presented by Mariah Good regarding development. Carried 6-0.

Correspondence – Kalms reported on the timber cutting notice received.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00pm

Surbaugh moved, Goss second to adjourn at 7:54pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 2/8/2023 Plan Commission Meeting