

MINUTES FROM BROOKLYN PLAN COMMISSION MEETING - AUG. 1, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vonn Roberts; Mark Lindquist; Kurt Wilkins; Tom Penfield; Mike Jankowski; Glenn Schapfel; Sue McConnell

Excused: Don Strobel

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Following the agenda, members introduced themselves to each other.

Discussion followed on how the plan commission works, the rules it follows, and its purpose - to review building projects coming to the Town through GL County. Building permits and/or requests will be considered by the committee after being received, first by county, then through building inspector at the Town level. The commission members will evaluate, advise in support or denial; and may consider adjustment or conditions based on inspector reports & discussion by its members. The committee will forward its decisions to the Town Board for approval or denial; which will in turn forward opinions, decisions back to the LUPZ committee for inclusion in their determinations as they relate to the Town of Brooklyn.

We looked at copies of the current Brooklyn Comprehensive Plan (in binder format) that was adopted in Aug. 2003; updated in 2009. Also, the Land Division & Subdivision Ordinance adopted June 2005.

Members took home the available copies of the Comp Plan to read & review for their own benefit to gain a better understanding about the work the Commission will be conducting.

Several members had attended the County LUPZ meeting earlier on Aug. 1 because of their agenda stating the Cty. LUPZ would hold a public listening session on their plan to gather information, recommendation & public input for updating County Farmland Preservation district ordinances by 2025.

Our members felt the meeting at Cty. was beneficial and "looked good" on paper. Discussion was allowed and there was a feeling that several of the committee members spoke well. A question of 'how can we get this process to work?' Came up, and a desire to be included in future discussions that will happen at the Cty. level. Our members felt they want to be a part of the on-going discussions, and have a role in the the final results. We noted that this process is just beginning and we should make an effort to be involved and keep up to date on what is happening at the county level.

We had a couple of questions regarding current buildings that are under construction in the Town, but no upcoming items from the county at this time. Mike Jankowski volunteered to speak with Matt at P&Z office regarding a large building going up near the Inlet that has been started, then stopped several times by there building inspector. He will report back.

Glen Schapfel volunteered to bring to our next meeting the forms used by the plan commission to evaluate projects coming to us so we can see how they are completed & what kind of discussion takes place.

Also, there may be a couple of more comp plan binders out in the neighborhood, Glen & Kurt have volunteered to check with members of the previous commission.

The Brooklyn Plan Commission agreed to meet again on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:00 p.m.