

MMINUTES - BROOKLYN PLAN COMMISSION MEETING - NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Members present: Don Strobel, Mike Jankowski, Tom Penfield, Kurt Wilkins, Vonn Roberts, Glen Schapfel, Sue McConnell

Excused: Mark Lindquist

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes were approved on motion from Tom Penfield, 2nd Mike Jankowski

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There was a good discussion about the letter received from Green Lake Sanitary District about the proposed additions to sewer service in several areas of the Town of Brooklyn. In Sept. GLSD authorized Cedar Corp. to begin preliminary engineering for a potential sewer project that would include portions of Forest Ave., Belle Mapps Ct., Camelot Trace, Old Oak Lane and Hickory Rd, in the Town. The Board also authorized an alternate route for the sewer main through Irving Park Rd., Old Oak Lane & Hickory Road area. This route would bring the sewer main across private parcels avoiding Town roads or private road areas and bring wastewater to the GSLD for treatment, saving costs to landowners & lessening impact to the three Town roads.

Update on GL County Farmland Preservation committee formation brought news that GL Cty. will move ahead with committee meetings in late Jan., Feb., March 2025. There are about 1 dozen individuals and professional farm owner/operators along with several county staff involved in farm/ag business that will be asked to participate. No Town people will be included. While originally it was considered to hold the meetings without any public input, it has been decided to hold the meetings open to the public but not allow any public comment. There will be the opportunity to submit questions and/or concerns to the committee prior to the meetings. Will keep Brooklyn Plan Commission aware of when the meetings occur and encourage attendance.

We shared information on the Oct. 18 BOA hearing that involved an appeal to a retaining wall that had been illegally constructed within 75 feet of the shoreline setback. The board denied the appeal and required the property owner to work with the P&Z staff to rebuild the wall properly with an approved plan and competent engineer.

Plan Commissions members continued discussion on 'what is our role in the zoning process'? Questions remain on where does our responsibility begin & how much oversight do we have? Should we ask Mike Wuest to attend our next meeting, or invite our building inspector to a meeting? Sue spoke with Mike Wuest about this. Mike reviewed that the Town has no responsibility until we receive information/requests/determinations from GL County. This is because we are under jurisdiction from GL County.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. Next meeting scheduled December 5, 6 p.m.