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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Meeting of April 17th, 2024

- Attendees: Village of Galena Mayor Jeff Kinnell, P&Z Commission Members Alison Cherubini-Hillyer, Mike Fry, Tim Erb, Pete Cassuccio. Also present, Levi Koehler Village Zoning Inspector. Residents of Galena present for the meeting were Tom Hopper, Zach Hopper, Dave O’neill, and Heidi Kinnell.
- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

- Present were P&Z Commission Members Alison Cherubini-Hillyer, Mike Fry, Tim Erb, Pete Cassuccio and Mayor Jeff Kinnell.

Presentation of the Minutes February 21st meeting

- Motion to approve – Jeff Kinnell
- 2nd – Mike Fry

Roll Call Vote Unanimous

Motion to Open Public Hearing

- Jeff Kinnell
- 2nd – Tim Erb

Roll Call Vote Unanimous

Levi Koehler, Zoning Inspector – Opened with reading of the public hearing notice, for an amendment to the Village of Galena Zoning Ordinance.

Alison Cherubini-Hillyer – Read the Common Purpose Statement aloud.

Galena’s “Common Purpose” Statement

The Village of Galena is committed to creating a secure community environment that encourages responsible commercial and residential development while preserving our unique Galena “brand.” Our brand stands out in central Ohio as it celebrates our rich heritage rooted in the Americana of the early 1800s.

Our key objectives are as follows:

- Preserving Our Charm:** Galena intends to safeguard our rural ambience, picturesque homes, streets, and businesses, as well as our historic and quaint small-town character.
- Extending the Brand:** We aspire to extend the Galena brand to all entrances of the old village, including Rt 3 and Walnut St, as well as the direct entrances to the village square.

- Embracing Small Businesses:** The Galena brand thrives on family-owned and operated small businesses, as well as unique establishments of all kinds. We are dedicated to protecting and promoting the development of small businesses in Galena.
- Creating a Vibrant Destination:** Galena aims to collaborate with small business owners, developers, and investors to transform our village square and surrounding areas into a welcoming destination. Visitors and residents alike can relax, engage, and explore our unique marketplace.
- Safety and Security:** While encouraging new developments, we prioritize safety and security. Traffic assessments and studies are essential when considering new projects to ensure smooth traffic flow and enhance public safety at intersections and crosswalks.
- Building Community:** Developers and investors who propose enhancements that “build or protect community” will receive favorable consideration. By closely collaborating with our zoning team, developers can better understand, respect, and embrace the quaint heritage that our residents hold dear.

Mayor Kinnell asked if there was any input or feedback before consideration of the amendment for approval and advancement to the Village Council. No one interjected.

Motion to Close Public Hearing

- Jeff Kinnell

- 2nd – Mike Fry
- Roll Call Vote Unanimous

Motion to Accept the amended purpose statement and submit to Village Council

- Jeff Kinnell
 - 2nd – Tim Erb
- Roll Call Vote Unanimous

GUEST PARTICIPATION

- None

SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS:

- No Additional

ZONING INSPECTORS REPORT: Full copy available upon request to Village

ZONING CLERKS REPORT: Nothing to add

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- Mayor Kinnell gave an update on the meeting with Nathan Bevil of the Ohio History Connections. The group that met are working to connect villages of similar size to get insights and advice on how to define Galena's Historical District. They have a future meeting with the Mayor of Zoar, Ohio.
- The intent is to put together a high-level historical district plan for Galena
- Mike Fry shared that comprehensive planning and development meetings have taken place with 3 different companies to work on an overall economic development plan. The company that has shown the most promise is "Neighborhood Strategies". There is a neighboring municipality working with the same company on their plan.
- Mayor Kinnell shared one last item – an initiative by Sunbury to reach out and form a Joint Recreational District with Trenton/Berkshire/and Galena. The chair is Chris Durrance. More information to come.

Next meeting is at 7:00 pm ~~Wednesday May 15th, 2024~~ Amended to June 26th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 7:20pm.

- Motion Mike Fry
- 2nd Alison Cherubini-Hillyer

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous