

Town of Vienna Plan Commission Minutes
Monday, October 10, 2016

The Town of Vienna Plan Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Greg Smithback. Commissioners Cathleen Heath, Jerry Marx, Brian Meinholz and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Commissioner Todd Mallon was excused. Also present: Board Chair, Lonnie Breggeman, Board Supervisor, Ron Rupp and resident Jim Caldwell.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Meinholz, second by Marx to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2016 Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

Public comment: Jim Caldwell informed the members about his future plans. Caldwell owns 80 acres on County I with a house, which he rents out, and out buildings with cattle. He is considering splitting off 3 acres with the house, buildings and cattle to maybe sell in the future and keep the remaining 77 acres land. Caldwell attended to share his ideas and better understand what is allowed and how the zoning rules would apply. Marx asked if he would keep any of the buildings on the 77 acres and Caldwell said no. He explained that he no longer wants to upkeep the buildings and/or tend to the cattle. He would like to maintain the 77 acres for his family, since the land has been in the family so long. Smithback asked if he was planning on building another house or developing the land and he said no. Caldwell indicated this is just a future thought since and he just wanted to get an idea of what steps need to be taken. Discussion on what he can do with the acres took place but Caldwell concluded he is not planning on doing anything quickly.

Discussion and possible recommendation to Appoint Jim Koch to Plan Commission: Smithback asked Breggeman about Koch and his knowledge of the town. Breggeman informed the members Koch was a farmer, lives on Madigan Road, and would be a good asset to the board. Motion by Meinholz, second by Heath to recommend appointing Jim Koch to sit on the plan commission. Motion carried (4-0)

Recommendation of acting Chair: Smithback asked if anyone was interested and it was suggested that Jerry Marx take this position since he is the longest standing member on the commission. This would include attending ETZ meetings, when needed. Motion by Meinholz, second by Smithback to appoint Marx as acting Chair. Motion carried (4-0)

Next meeting date: The next meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2016, if needed. To date there have been no agenda items presented.

Recognition of Chair Resignation, Greg Smithback: Board Chair Breggeman presented Smithback with a plaque for his service to the town. Cake was served as recognition of his last meeting and appreciation for his years of service.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk

Notes: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the November 14, 2016 Plan Commission Meeting.