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City of Perry - Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2021

Members present: Cottrell, Lambert, Lewis, Muller, Ottke

Member(s) absent: N/A

Guests: Mindy Galbavi, Nick Jones

Call to order: by Chairperson Ottke at 7:03 pm

Approval of the agenda: Moved by Cottrell that the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Lewis. Approved unanimously.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Motion by Chairperson Ottke to approve September 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Approval of motion was seconded by Cottrell. Approved Unanimously.

New Business:

- Potential New Member of the Perry Planning Commission:

Chairperson Ottke introduces guest, Nick Jones, as a resident of Perry and announces that he is considering joining us as a member of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Jones provides us with an introduction of himself remarking the following: He used to live in Owosso, now lives in Perry. Mr. Jones informed us that he possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting as well as a Business Degree and that he currently works as an Operations Manager for a finance company in Lansing. He added that he has a daughter and is involved in the community.

- Item #2 for New Business: Kelli Wilson's Resignation:

Chairperson Ottke announces that Kelli Wilson has resigned due to spending more time at her cottage out of the area.

Ottke confirms that we now have an additional vacancy on the Planning Commission which results in us having a total of 2 openings. Lambert mentions that the opening in the Planning Commission that resulted from Carol's unfortunate passing has been posted to the City's Website.

- Item #3 for New Business: Updating the Master Plan:

Lambert proposes updating the City of Perry's Master Plan and calls for its need to be updated. Lambert elaborates, stating that updating it has been a previous discussion in the past but was tabled awaiting updated census information. However, it can be contended that census

information is not needed to update the Master Plan. Muller has agreed to assist with leading the update to the Master Plan.

Cottrell adds that she has pursued obtaining the updated census information and at last check, the full data is not yet available at the Shiawassee county level. It is collectively concluded that we will have to develop an effective and efficient plan for updating the Master Plan- perhaps chapter by chapter.

Mindy Galbavi (Guest) provides input from experience that when an update to the entire Master Plan was attempted a few years ago, a printed version was available as chapters were completed. The completed chapters were then disbursed to planning commission members at meetings as opposed to printing the Master Plan in its entirety each time a chapter is updated.

Cottrell inquires whether or not there is a searchable PDF for the Master Plan. Lambert asks about obtaining copies of previously updated chapters to the Master Plan that were drafted but have not been published. Cottrell/Lambert will consult with Devin Miller regarding both of these matters and some other logistics of updating the Master Plan, such as obtaining an accessible format.

Lambert and Muller express the shared sentiment that they would like to make the Master Plan more concise so that it is more efficient and less cumbersome to access as a point of reference.

Nick Jones (Guest) asks a few questions regarding the purpose of the Master Plan and how it impacts the long term objectives of the City such as attracting young residents to the City. Cottrell explains the history of the Master Plan and its importance, such as how it affects the prioritization of Perry's City Funds. Further discussion ensues regarding the goals of the Master Plan and the importance of ensuring that it reflects the needs of our growing city and the long term vision for the City based on residents' wants and needs.

Chairperson Ottke suggests everyone bring their copies of the Master Plan to our November meeting so that we can dissect it further.

- Item #4: A quick announcement from Chairperson Ottke that our next meeting will be upstairs due to the election on November 2.

Old Business: None discussed at this meeting.

Next meeting: November 1, 2021 @ 7pm on the third floor of city hall (due to November elections at City Hall).

Other Comments: None

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 pm by Chairperson Ottke.