Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday May 9, 2023

Call to order 6:02

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Susan Halloran (present), Debby Storms (present), Wendy Kamaloski (present), Chris Forth (absent)

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting. Susan moved, Wendy second, minutes approved.

## **Old Business**

Bids for masterplan. We haven't seen the proposals. Two were submitted. Packets received are in the main office and due to people being out of office, commissioners were unable to review. We were told that one consultant isn't available for several months due to the overwhelming number of projects they are working on with other communities. The Commission will reach out to other consultants for bids/proposals.

Proposed amendments to the Portage Lake Overlay- some minor changes have been discussed. The document will need to be reviewed by Zoning.

Proposed amendments to fence ordinance- Should PC start over or make a few changes and ask for council approval. Commission favors starting fresh.

Discussion of possibly removing the barbed wire and electric fence sections from the ordinance, as neither is appropriate or typically allowed other than in agricultural zones.

Ask Mike Z to advise Planning Commission on going forward.

## **New Business**

Overview of walking tour- discuss comments made from the walk. To name a few, sidewalk maintenance, cutting curbs for ADA accessibility, repair streets, reduce speed limit through the village, look at the walkability. The walkabout was well attended and eye opening. Some discussion of a village wide clean up day as well as recruiting volunteers to help residents who may be unable to clean up their property. Nola Tye recommended a proposed two times per year trash pick up coordinating with the Township. Susan H mentioned the village has brush pick up and perhaps could offer open hours at the brush yard for residents to take their own if they would like to.

## Public comment

Resident Tom Foster, 8173 Fifth Street asked if there is a way to obtain a copy of the previously adopted Master Plan. It was suggested that he may find that document on the Village website and Nola Tye said she could provide a copy to him if needed. Val Clements asked where residents could obtain a paper copy to report blight rather than filling out a form online. She said some residents may not have computers to complete form online and might like a paper form. Suggestion was made to have forms available in the Village office.

Debby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Susan second.P Meeting Adjourned 6:40