

Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission for Thursday, April 1, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Adams at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Don Bormann, Jessica Orsini, Ron Cook, Dale Hughes and LeeAllen Smith. Also attending were Lynn Behrns and City Attorney Merritt Beck.

Orsini moved approval of the minutes of March 25, 2009. Bormann seconded the motion. The question was called. All members present voted aye, and the motion carried.

The Commission then took up the selection of officers.

Smith nominated Adams to be Chairman. Adams withdrew.

Grenke nominated Cook to be Chairman. Bormann seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The voted was called. The following members voted for Cook: Grenke, Bormann, Orsini, Hughes, Smith, and Adams.

The following member abstained: Cook

Cook was elected Chairman and assumed the office.

Orsini nominated Olsen to be Vice-Chairman. Smith seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The voted was called. The following members voted for Olsen: Grenke, Bormann, Orsini, Hughes, Smith, and Adams.

The following member abstained: None

Olsen was elected Vice Chairman.

Grenke nominated Smith to be Secretary. Orsini seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The voted was called. The following members voted for Cook: Grenke, Bormann, Orsini, Hughes, Cook, and Adams.

The following member abstained: Smith

Smith was elected Secretary.

Behrns reviewed several inquires made to the City. None of these became actual requests to be brought to the Commission. They included a possible rezoning request on South Allen that would have facilitated a lot split; and Behrns and Beck met with a representative of T-Mobile concerning location of a cell-phone tower in the north part of town (which would have required a conditional use permit.) Also, a resident has made inquiries about moving a shop to Centralia from another community. The business would primarily be machining of tractor engines. Only two or three employees would be involved. The resident owns property zoned B-2, which allows "light industries" as a conditional use. Machine shops are otherwise a use by right in M-1 zone districts. Various commissioners suggested that a conditional use permit might be workable in this instance.

Bormann had previously offered to arrange for a training session from a former chairman of the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission. They see many more subjects for review and her experience would be a valuable aid to the Centralia commissioners. Bormann will pursue this again. A session might be scheduled for a meeting in June.

Behrns and Beck gave the newer commissioners a brief overview of P & Z Commission duties and steered then to the Subdivision and Zoning chapters of the City Code.

Orsini moved that the meeting adjourn. Brooks seconded the motion. The question was called. Voting aye: all members present. Voting nay: no member. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

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