

Florence Township Planning Commission Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2024, 6 PM

Present: Justin Staker, Bill Bruce, Joel Cannon, Ed Hruska

Excused absence: Heidi Hartzell

The meeting was called to order and Joel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The March minutes were approved unanimously.

No comments were received during the open comment period.

Preliminary Reviews or Inquiries/Violations/Zoning Reviews:

Agenda Item: Herron Building Permit
29226 Van Blarcum Avenue, Frontenac
New Construction, garage
Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item: Finley Building Permit
Eagle Vista Estates 2, Lot 1, Blk 1
New Construction, residence
Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item: Nelson Building Permit
New Construction, residence
Approved unanimously.

New Business

Agenda Item: Dave Amundson patio intrusion onto Steamboat Landing

Mr. Amundson has constructed a raised patio that extends beyond his property line onto township park property. This conclusion is based on Goodhue County GIS mapping. Jane Webster-Urbach is requesting the township require Mr. Amundson to remove that portion of the patio that extends onto township property.

Mr. Amundson apologized, and stated he was unaware of error. He maintains park property adjacent to his home (mowing) and requested that the township allow him to keep his patio as is.

The exact location of the property boundary is uncertain. *The Planning Commission recommends that a land survey be performed to determine the location of the boundary line separating Mr. Amundson's property from township property. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old Business

Agenda Item: Discussion of potential zoning change for township pedestrian access to State Park

Jake Gaster, Frontenac State Park Manager, provided information regarding a proposed donation of land by Lorry Wendland that would connect the state park to Lake Avenue Way in Frontenac.

Agenda Item: Pribyl/Fahnel Barton Street Matter – board has asked us to revisit this discussion in light of public hearing requirement for street vacating & other factors after visiting with legal counsel.

Donald Pribyl spoke on behalf of his brother David Pribyl. Mr. Pribyl has requested that the township continue to keep Barton Street west of Wood Avenue open and maintained to allow access to lots that he owns adjacent to his residence. Mr. Pribyl also complained about Mr. Fahnels past use of the area that separates their two properties. After discussing this request and various other options at length, the Planning Commission took no action.

The meeting adjourned after 7 PM.

The next meeting is May 13, 2024.