

PLANNING COMMISSION
June 10, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Steve Thorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Steve Thorn (chair), Kevin Maloney (clerk), Ellie Stamm

Others Present: Solicitor Bill Mason, Todd Peetz (Portage County Regional Planning)

- ❖ Steve made a motion to excuse Tammy & Wes. Kevin seconded. All voted in favor.
- ❖ Minutes from May 13th, 2025 were presented, and Steve made motion to approve as amended, Kevin seconded, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

- Scope of Comprehensive Growth Plan
- ❖ Steve stated he didn't feel there was a way to save money on this, that all parts of the proposed comprehensive plan were important. Kevin brought up that it was previously discussed about possibly not including the "story map". Steve stated that he's changed his mind about that, and that it was important for engaging with people. Steve recommends proposing the entire plan to Finance. Steve stated that rather than bog down planning comm with managing this project, we should establish a steering committee. It should be comprised by people who have a vested interest in the future of the Village. Steve suggested that Ian Jones and Jaime Nosse would be good choices to be part of steering committee. Todd & Steve discussed that this would be spread out over three years, so it's not a huge commitment for people on the committee. Steve also suggested members of the local Rotary or Lions club as members of the steering committee. Todd brought up the possibility of including members of the school board. Kevin suggested asking the Chamber if they had any recommendations. Steve stated he would reach out to some of these organizations. Kevin suggested posting something on the Village website and social media accounts, asking for interested parties for the steering committee. Ellie suggested reaching out to the local faith community as well. Steve discussed with Todd having a kick-off meeting with the steering committee, once established. Todd stated that they would send out a survey early in the process for community feedback. Also public meetings (open house format). Steve agreed to take on the responsibility of reaching out to people to start forming the steering committee.
- Disposition of fountain in front of Village Hall
- ❖ It was agreed that this be tabled until Wes is at the meeting.
- Changes to regulate planting street trees over new water lines
- ❖ It was agreed that this be tabled until Wes is at the meeting.

New Business:

- No new Business

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM; Kevin seconded; all voted in favor.

Please note: An audio recording of this meeting is available via public record request.