

Village of Clarksville
Planning Commission Minutes
January 17, 2013

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held January 17, 2012 at the Clarksville Village Hall. Chairperson Kerry McMillen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Planning Commissioners present – Chairperson Kerry McMillen , Vice Chairperson Robert Blocher, Lu Baxter, Jordan Burnie, and *ex officio* Robbie Mutschler. Absent - None. Village Clerk, Shari Clark, Village President, Jim Boger, and Rick Stout of Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering were also in attendance.

Discussion was heard from Rick regarding the Safe Routes to School grant application process. He provided much information about the grant application process, what to expect and his suggestions for the Village going forward. It was suggested that the Village budget a certain amount of money in the coming fiscal year for the grant. If the grant was not awarded to the Village the budgeted money could be used for new sidewalks and repair.

Motion by Jordan, seconded by Bob to recommend to Village Council to budget \$20,000 for Safe Routes to School Grant, \$5,000 for existing sidewalk repair for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, and pass a resolution as required for grant application. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Planning commission will review the project estimates provided by Fleis & VandenBrink to determine a project package with estimated costs in the \$100,000 - \$125,000 range at the next meeting. The grant application process will move forward and Planning Commission will address the status of the grant in one year.

Jordan reported that developing a DDA for Clarksville is fairly time consuming and possibly costly due to the specific application requirements as set by the State of Michigan. Rick Stout mentioned the possibility of a Principal Shopping District(PSD). Jordan will conduct further research for the next meeting.

Robbie and Lu presented information regarding the FEMA mapping of flood zones in Ionia County. Motion by Jordan, seconded by Robbie to recommend Village Council to pass and ordinance accepting FEMA flood maps as presented. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Planning commission will monitor street light outages monthly and report any malfunctioning lights to Consumer's Energy. Street Commissioner, Pat Reser, is contacting Consumer's in regards to adding a second street light along E. Ferney St.

Lu provided an update on the mural project. The Hardware store is willing to provide their building for the mural. Lu will speak with Jordan Verburg about the next steps for the project.

The 2012 Annual Report and 2013 Work Program were read and approved.

Planning Commission has elected new officers for 2013 as follows:

Chairperson, Robert Blocher
Vice Chairperson, Lu Baxter
Secretary, Jordan Burnie

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be held February 21, 2013.
The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by Jordan Burnie, Secretary