

Village of Clarksville
Planning Commission Minutes
May 15, 2014

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held on May 15, 2014, at the Clarksville Village Hall. Chairperson Robert Blocher called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Planning Commissioners present - Chairperson Robert Blocher, Vice Chair Lu Baxter, Kerry McMillen, Jordan Burnie and Ex Officio Robbie Mutschler. Absent - None.

No public comment.

The minutes of the April 17, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

The Tree Study/Ordinances/Grant Program has still not seen action by the Village Council. Planning Commission still stands by original recommendation to create a Tree Grant program to replace the current program.

Planning Commission discussed welcome sign replacement for the Village. Planning Commission recommends switching to a standard white on green village limits sign as seen across the state. These signs have a longer lifetime and less maintenance than the current signs. Planning Commission would like Street Commissioner, Pat Reser, to contact Ionia County Road Commission to get a quote for four of these signs as well as a quote for a "fancier" sign with color for the northern limits. The northern limits is the most viewed sign and makes the most sense for a more aesthetic sign. One of these is currently installed in Alto. Planning Commission will then review the quote and provide a recommendation on how to proceed.

Much discussion was had regarding the Zoning Ordinance and enforcement throughout the Village. Some members spoke out against the ordinance, while others were in favor of keeping it, but making modifications as issues arise.

Planning Commission reviewed the new sidewalk construction proposal from Fleis and Vandenbrink. Planning Commission recommends using them for engineering, but bidding out the actual project to area contractors.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held June 19, 2014.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jordan Burnie, Secretary