

Village of Clarksville  
Planning Commission Minutes  
June 19, 2014

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held on June 19, 2014, at the Clarksville Village Hall. Chairperson Robert Blocher called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Planning Commissioners present - Chairperson Robert Blocher, Vice Chair Lu Baxter, Jordan Burnie and Ex Officio Robbie Mutschler. Absent - Kerry McMillen.

No public comment.

The minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Planning Commission analyzed the benefits and drawbacks of the current tree program, a tree ordinance, and a tree grant program. After analysis Planning Commission still stands by original recommendation to create a Tree Grant program to replace the current program. A detailed report will be submitted to Village Council for their next meeting.

Planning Commission recommends the Village take a reactive approach rather than a proactive one when dealing with the Zoning Ordinance. The current Zoning Ordinance does have flaws due the nature of it being a boiler plate ordinance not specifically tailored to Clarksville. However, the Planning Commission lacks the expertise to go through each section and make revisions. It would be detrimental to the Village if key components to the Zoning Ordinance were removed simply due to a non-understanding or belief that they are not needed. This is especially true with sections that are not encountered very often, such as Planned Unit Developments.

Planning Commission believes that the Zoning Ordinance may require tweaking as certain issues arise such as marquee sign requirements (Daily Donut), special use permits (Farm Museum) and residential dog limitations.

Planning Commission is currently working on an amendment in regards to the residential dog limitations. Following this amendment, Planning Commission recommends the codification of the Zoning Ordinance as soon as possible. This will create a single, easy to read document that can be made available online.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held July 17, 2014.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Submitted by Jordan Burnie, Secretary*