

Village of Clarksville
Planning Commission Minutes
May 19th, 2016

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held on May 19th 2016, 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 Nicole Nordhof, Jami Manszewski, Brian Reser, Diane Sheldon, Rick Culp and Ex Officio Bonnie Main.

There were no public comment.

Minutes of the April 21st, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

Ionia County Deputy Michael Veenstra presented information on starting a Neighborhood Watch program for the Village of Clarksville. He pointed out a group needs to be registered first. Annual dues to fund the program depends on how many people are registered. Once registered, the Village can purchase many different types of signs for roads, yard, and etc. He also mentioned that technology plays a new role in the program. An app on smart phones can record video and take pictures of crime and can be submitted straight to an officer.

Bonnie provided a Council report:

- It was accepted for the \$38,113.75 bid estimate from Tom Wheeler for sidewalk portion on Cross Street, section on Main Street to be revisited at a later time.
- The bid was accepted from Manszewski Landscaping for seasonal banner duties.
- It has been authorized for the Ox Roast Committee to close off Main Street on August 13, 2016 from 8 am – 7 pm.
- Volunteers are needed (2-3 work days) for upkeep at village gazebo.
- Judith Transue announced that the Clarksville Farmers Market will be open at the village parking lot starting June 4th through October every Saturday 9am-12pm.

Bob reported that the recycling center could use more volunteers. Ball season is still going well and the park is staying busy.

Jami reported that Project Clarksville members met last month to discuss future sponsored events and a possibility for a sign to be placed on 96 to list Clarksville's businesses.

It was recommended by the Planning Commission that more information should be gathered before presenting the Neighborhood Watch Program to the council. It was discussed that Planning Commissioners should ask residents for a head count on whom would be interested. Officer Veenstra also mentioned he would try to ask door to door for any possible interest.

The current Master Plan will be discussed at the next meeting with presentations on assigned sections.

A public hearing was held for the rezone request for property 165 N. Main St. submitted by the Clarksville Library. The future rezone fits under the "Public Institution" (PI) that is stated in the Land Use description in the current Master Plan. It also meets the guidelines as set in Article 9 of the Zoning Ordinance. No public objections were heard. It was motioned by Nordhof and supported by Manszewski that the request of Clarksville Library to rezone 165 N. Main Street only, excluding 185 N. Main St., all in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held June 16th, 2016.

Submitted by Jami Manszewski, Secretary

