

Meeting Minutes
Zoning Commission – Town Of Hector
February 12, 2018

PRESENT: Larry Jaynes, Marty Conwell, Charlie Stevenson, Kara Cusolito, Paul Bursic, David LaMoreaux

PRESENT VIA TELE: Lori Weliver, Linda Tikofsky

ABSENT: Peggy Scott, Mike Bergen

PUBLIC PRESENT: Carl Langenfeld, Mark Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Van Horn

LOCATION: Hector Town Hall

1)..CALL TO ORDER: P. Bursic at 7:09pm

2) PREVIOUS MINUTES: K. Cusolito suggested we correct the wording in the minutes from co-chair to vice-chair – M.Conwell agreed to make corrections – subsequently, the minutes from Zoning Commission meeting on 1/22/2018 were approved – Motion by L. Jaynes, seconded by D. LaMoreaux

3) 15-MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

4) BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding the time and dates of our regular meetings. We agreed to continue the meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Kristin Van Horn will do her best to make as many meetings as possible.

Discussion regarding the mission statement and it being “too wordy”. K. Cusolito will make changes and submit to zoning commission for review and approval.

Discussion regarding the importance of the Town of Hector’s Comprehensive Plan in relation to the Zoning Commission’s charge.

P. Bursic stressed that we stick close to the Comprehensive Plan.

K. Van Horn gave, as an example, how we might start generating a zoning district with zoning regulations by reviewing the Land Use Planning Policy statement on page 33 of the Comprehensive Plan and formulating zoning regulations in relation to the listed objectives. In this example, she sighted the fact that because of access to public water, we might stress more “economic health” (business, commerce) and less “rural character” (agriculture).

P. Bursic stated we start at a “high level then bore down to the details”. He has concerns about getting too deep with details and suggest we move slowly and general in our efforts.

K. Van Horn stated that at the “end of the day”, the zoning commission is expected to provide a map with zoning districts to the Town of Hector.

L Jaynes asked about what the (3) new Town of Hector Board members thought about the Zoning Commission.

M. Conwell stated “common verbiage” that he pulled from reading the Comprehensive Plan

L. Welliver stated the importance of prioritizing objectives.

L. Tikofsky stated concerns of “getting into the weeds” (details), as well as the importance of “our group” to go over the various concepts

L Jaynes brought up the idea of a moratorium

5) NEW BUSINESS: None

6) PUBLIC COMMENT & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

M. Smith stated that The Town of Covert has 3 ordinances that they use for land planning

C. Langelfeld stated that “social media” is much more prevalent now than it was when the concept of planning/zoning was initiated in the Town many years ago. He stated that we should utilize “social media” to bring awareness to all in the Town of Hector

C. Langenfeld stated that a significant amount of land in the Town of Hector exists within the Schuyler County Ag District Program. K. Van Horn stated that The Town of Hector is within Schuyler County’s Agriculture District #1 and that every 8 years the County reviews each district. This (2018) is the year Ag District #1 is reviewed.

C. Stevenson stated concerns over the lack communication, to the Town Board and the public, of permits that have been approved and issued by the Town Of Hector Code Enforcement Department.

P. Bursic stated “we look at the Comprehensive Plan through the glasses of the Zoning Commission” and walk through each policy statement starting on page 13 of the Comprehensive Plan.

7) ADJOURN:

Motion by C. Stevenson, seconded by L. Jaynes to adjourn at 9:03pm

NEXT MEETING: February 26th, 2018