Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2024

**Members present**

Audie Wykle

Bruce Ebert

Rob Beiter

Jim Kilbarger

Steve Buckley

Sandy Ogle Hocking County Commissioner

Stacey Howe

**Minutes**

* Mr. Wykle asked for a motion to approve last month’s meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Buckley made the motion, Ms. Ogle second. All in favor-motion passes.
* Update on the zoning commission website survey
  + Mr. Wykle has plenty of paper copies for the zoning questionnaire/survey. There are copies in his office, at the Commissioner’s Office, and at the library.
  + There is a link on the Hocking County Regional Planning website as well as a QR code that can be scanned.
  + Ms. Ogle asked if it would help to have a campaign for this, and promote the survey. She asked if there is a certain percentage of responses that are needed for the consultant. Mr. Wykle stated that he does not believe there is a set number, but the more information the better.
* Update on the contract with the consultant
  + American Structure Point has been selected as the consultant
  + They have sent a contract to Mr. Wykle, who has given the contract to Jeff at the Prosecutor’s Office.
  + The Prosecutor’s Office had some suggestions, Mr. Wykle sent those to American Structure Point. American Structure Point sent those back to Mr. Wykle, and he will forward those changes back over to the Prosecutor’s Office.
* July 16 work session
  + Purpose for the work sessions moving forward is to prepare the group for working with the consultants and making decisions.
  + Mr. Wykle explained that there are many pieces and parts to a zoning ordinance and many steps. The City of Logan recently re-did their ordinances, and one of those had to do with signage.
  + At the work session, the group went through the City’s to review as an example of an ordinance. The city has adopted this ordinance. The group went through the ordinance and highlighted the sections in the sign regulations that the group felt that the county needs to have an ordinance on.
* A member of the public in the gallery asked what the overall goal is here and that’s what they need to know
  + Mr. Wykle explained that the group was asked, and are going through the ORC process, presenting to the County Commissioners a zoning ordinance that they will then decide whether or not if it goes on the general ballot for Hocking County residents to vote on.
  + The group explained that record of the previous meetings are saved where those questions were addressed, and that the purpose of this process is to help protect Hocking County residents.
* Mr. Wykle is hopeful by this time next week that the contract with the consultant will be signed.

**Upcoming Meetings**

* Work session: August 13, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
  + Topic: land uses that are typically found in zoning ordinances
* August 29, 2024 @ 2:00 PM for regular scheduled meeting

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Hannah Montgomery, BSH, REHS*