

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on May 9, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wolfe.

**VISITORS:** Melissa Clair, Gavin N. Blevins – MRPDC, Brian Morris.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Vice Chairperson Kimberly Austin, Bob Ramsey, Jim Barker, Trey White, Ben Reedy (arrived late). Planning Commission Members; Town Manager/Zoning Administrator Bill Rush, Town Attorney Mark Fenyk (arrived late) Deputy Clerk Paula Null, Town Clerk/Director of Finance Cindy Stanley, Ally White.

Town Attorney Mark Fenyk arrived at 5:55 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Alice Freeman

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:** As the meeting was called to order with 5 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES minutes of the meeting March 14, 2022 were approved as written. Messrs Wolfe, Austin, Ramsey, Barker, and White voted affirmatively. Ben Reedy arrived.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Upon motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Barker with 4 AYES and 0 NOES two ABSTENTION Wolfe and Austin, Cameron Wolfe will remain as Chairman and Kimberly Austin will remain as Vice Chairperson.

**REVISION/RECODIFICATION:** Mr. Rush would like to see a restructuring of guidelines to include but not limited to tiny homes, window shades/tinting in businesses, reclassification zoning for medical arts, education and mobile vending. Mr. White suggested recreation zoning.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Brian Morris, 630 Henry Street, spoke in regards to the condition of his neighbor's property at 633 Henry Street, owned by Rebecca and Danny Parks. According to Mr. Morris the property at 633 Henry Street is not being kept up. He states there are rodents and feral cats attracting to the property. Mr. Parks also runs lawn mowers late at night. Mr. Morris has had property damage due to an unsecure vehicle rolling down the street and into his home. Mr. Morris stated he has taken Mr. Parks to court for several violations, which Mr. Parks was convicted of and fined. Mr. Morris also stated the neighbor's at 627 Henry Street, Clifford and Thelma Pickle submitted a letter to the Town of Marion in regards to the condition of 633 Henry Street. Upon motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES the letter from the Pickle's regarding 633 Henry Street was entered into the record. Mark Fenyk arrived.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Mr. Rush has stated the Comprehensive Plan is a five year plan and needs to be updated every five years. Gavin Blevins, MRPDC is currently working on upgrading maps. Mr. Rush stated that the current language needs to be condensed. The Commission would like to see focus put on Economic Development, a better park system, housing, railway and commercial development. Mr. Rush would like to see updates on education, public safety, CIRP and upgrade zoning maps. Mr. Rush suggested all Commissioners to be involved in writing the Comprehensive Plan. Gavin Blevins will be doing all of the data work and Bill Rush, Ally White, Kimberly Austin and Melissa Clair will also be helping Mr. Blevins. Mr. Ramsey would like Smyth County to review the plan and Mrs. Austin would like to review Smyth Counties Comprehensive Plan. Ms. White passed out new Ipads to Commissioners as a tool to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Upon motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Reedy and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary