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Lanesboro Planning and Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom

Present Members:

X Jason Resseman Michael Seiler X Jeff Lepper
X Randy Rakosnik X Tom Schramm

Staff:

X Mitchell Walbridge X Darla Taylor

Guests: Brooke Pfeffer, Bonita Underbakke, Jeff Brogle, Patty Brogle, Zach Lind, Stacey Schultz

Public Hearing – Simple Lot Split Application for 401 Dupont Street

Member Resseman called the public hearing to order at 6:04 p.m. No comments were shared. Member Resseman closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Member Resseman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** City Administrator Walbridge requested that Downtown Commercial District Land Use be added to the agenda under New Business. Member Lepper entered a motion to approve the agenda with the addition; Member Rakosnik seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Public Comments:** No comments were shared.
- C. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 15, 2023
 - b. Egge – Building Permit
 - c. Hummel – Building Permit #1
 - d. Hummel – Building Permit #2
 - e. Skelley – Lanesboro Building Permit Application
 - f. Brogle – Building Permit Application

Member Lepper motioned to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda and move Brogle – Building Permit Application to New Business; Member Resseman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

- A. Simple Lot Split Application – 401 Dupont Street:** Member Resseman entered a motion to recommend approval of the simple lot split application to the city council; Member Rakosnik seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Driftless Trading Post Operations:** Zach Lind was present to share his intentions to operate his business, Driftless Trading Post, at 105 ¾ Parkway Avenue North. Lind stated his plan is straightforward to operate a permanent food stand on the lot. The unit would not be mobile and would not leave the property. Commission members requested to review plans including detailed drawings, a final layout of the lot, any construction materials that would be used, and a footprint of the structure. Member Resseman noted it would be beneficial for Lind to submit these plans to the Heritage Preservation Commission for review as well.
- C. Downtown Commercial District Land Use:** A letter was submitted to the commission expressing concern that the main level of the downtown commercial district buildings could be overtaken by VRBO's (vacation rentals by owners) if left unregulated. The letter stated that there is a need for main level property in the business district to be used for retail business and not just short-term rentals.

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Members agreed a broader discussion needs to take place regarding Air B&B's and VRBO's and their role in the Lanesboro community. This discussion should identify key metrics such as the number of short-term rental licenses in town and in which districts they are allowed. There is a concern of main floor building usage to maintain the integrity of the downtown. Member Resseman entered a motion that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend to council that any new short-term lodging license applications for the downtown district be put on hold until the city council has a chance to review city ordinances. Member Lepper seconded the motion. After discussion, Member Resseman entered a motion to amend his original motion to include that the licensure hold not affect current license holders and their renewals; Member Schramm seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Members voted all in favor to adopt the amended motion. Member Rakosnik had left the meeting before any votes were made on the business item.

D. Brogle – Building Permit Application: Member Resseman entered a motion to approve the Brogle building permit application; Member Lepper seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Member Resseman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk