

VILLAGE OF VANDERBILT PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Aug 19, 2019, 7:00 PM

**Called to Order:** 7:01 pm by S. Boyd

**Roll Call:** Sandra Boyd, Tom Heintz, Tom Kellogg, June Heintz, Judi Yurack

**Absent:** Nicole Salvador-Dutcher, Cindy Henderson

**Others present:** Robert McMaster

**Approval of July 15, 2019 Minutes** June Heintz made a motion to approve the July 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Tom Heintz seconded and the motion carried by those present.

**Additions / Deletions to Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:** Robert suggested finding ways to bring opposing groups together (i.e., the pro-marijuana/anti-marijuana license groups). Their differences are not that great, and some accord could be reached. Rather than “us” and “them”, it should be stressed that it is all residents together that can help improve the community.

**Communications:** There is a potential flea market/resale shop business on Mill Street. The owner (Willie Marsh) has filled out preliminary paperwork, and must now complete the process for zoning approval.

**Zoning Report:** Changes to the Zoning Ordinance addressing nuisances should include a shorter and more efficient process to deal with violations. The newer process will use a 7 to 10 day period in which the violation is to be remedied. Another change: signage for “No Smoking” on government property will have to be changed to include “vaping”.

**Old Business:**

- a. Street Banners: The Village banners to be purchased should be made of material that will allow wind to pass through them, thus minimizing damage over time. It was suggested that the banners include a “4-seasons” symbol on them. It is expected that AnnaMarie can order the new banners.
- b. Community Garden: A plan is needed so that the Planning Commission and the Council can review it. Questions could be answered such as “How will the ground be prepared?”, “Will there be fees to users?”, “Is there a fence required?”, and other issues. It is expected that this issue will be revisited.

**New Business:**

- a. The latest updates on the new Trailhead Park included the latest construction that has been completed. All that remains for the Contractor to do is the bathroom door lock, an alternate heating system installation, and the bollard light fixtures. Volunteers must yet install bike racks, signage, parking space paint, and landscaping. Home depot provided a semi-load of playground chips and about 45 volunteers to spread the chips as well as trim the playground trees. It was very appreciated.
- b. Robert suggested that there be a more formal effort to improve the community and improve relationships between people that typically feel at odds with each other. One idea might be forming a “Welcoming” committee to make people feel a part of events in the Village.
- c. Sandra suggested that the group that promoted and organized the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade should be recognized. There was general agreement that that group had done a remarkable job this year. A Village

picnic or other event to recognize them could be held. It could include a note of appreciation from a local official. This method is a positive way to recognize other residents too.

**Other Comments:** About the recent election, there was a good turnout. The citizen initiative to establish the Village as an “Opt In” community was voted down.

**Adjournment:** 8:14 PM. The next regular meeting of the Village of Vanderbilt Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.