TOWN OF ELSMERE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES October 6, 2020 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER FOR THOSE WISHING TO DO SO:

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRMAN	CHARLES LINDELL	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER	ROBERT ANDERSON	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER	JOSE MATTHEWS	ABSENT
COMMISSIONER	MARY STEPPI	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER	JOHN POCKETS	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER	JOHN JAREMCHUK	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER	SCOTT SHELTON	ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes from the August 4, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Jaremchuk made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

VOTE:

4 in favor, 2 Absent, 1 Abstained

Motion carried

Lindell – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Pockets – abstained, Steppi – Yes, Shelton – absent, Jaremchuk – yes, Matthews - absent

NEW BUSINESS:

A training session was held with Melanie Cucanato from the DNREC Surface and Water Discharge Section on Impervious surface. During the training there were several

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Several questions were asked about how the credits for street sweeping are applied.

All the commissioners had questions regarding ways to improve the overage and reduce the impervious coverage. Who is responsible for making the decisions? Is it the Planning Commission or is it Town Council?

A suggestion was made to have Council create a resolution to make all driveways pervious material and therefore no new petitions will need to be heard for them. Maybe even a temporary moratorium.

There were numerous conversations about the Permits that have been submitted and how they have all been approved and that is only increasing the towns impervious coverage. It was mentioned that we should not be maintaining the coverage, but the town should be reducing it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Town Manager Giles gave a very short conversation about the PLUS Review with only minor recommendations.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: Commissioner Jaremchuk made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steppi.

VOTE:

4 in favor, 2 absent

Motion carried

Lindell – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Matthews – absent, Steppi – Yes, Jaremchuk – yes, Pockets – yes, Shelton - absent

At this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Votes are recorded accurately. The audio tape(s) of this meeting will be available at Town Hall for a period of two years from the date these minutes are approved. The audio tape(s) may be reviewed at Town Hall by appointment and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

CHARLES LINDELL, CHAIRMAN

ROBERT ANDERSON, SECRETARY