

**Village of Misenheimer
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Community Building
March 20, 2014 6PM**

Planning Board Present: Joel Rogers Mark Stephenson, Vice Chairman (Arrived 6:13PM) Judy Hammill Jon Byers	Visitors: Mike Herron, Mayor Micah Edquist, Council Member David Fencil, NC Dept. of Commerce Jeffrey Watson (Left 6:58PM) James Stephenson
Planning Board Absent: Pat Henry, Alternate Ahren Burrage, Chairman	Staff: Pam Humphrey, Administrator Erik McGinnis, Zoning Officer

Call to Order: Rogers presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with a quorum being declared present.

Introduction of Visitors: The Visitors and Staff as noted above were welcomed to the meeting.

Oath Given (Pat Henry-Alternate): Ms. Henry was unable to attend this meeting. Her oath will be rescheduled to the next meeting that Ms. Henry can attend.

Approval of 3/20/14 Planning Board Agenda: Byers made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Approval of Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting held 2/27/14: Byers made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Public Comment Period: No public comments were requested to be heard.

NC Department of Commerce (NCDOC)-Division of Community Planning-Village Planning Session: David Fencil, Senior Planner with the NCDOC, facilitated the planning session with the Village Planning Board members, staff, and meeting visitors to review and discuss the completed draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Ordinance.

The Planning Board Members and the Council representatives discussed the following items with Mr. Fencil:

- Article 8.11 (E) Outdoor Lighting-Prohibitions: A discussion ensued regarding the lighting of the United States Flag at night. The United States Flag is required to be lighted at night; however, a directive toward up or down lighting is not specified in the United States Flag Code. Mayor Herron commented that up lighting the United States Flag can cause light pollution when trying to achieve a dark skies outdoor lighting ordinance. Revisions to the current lighting ordinance would grandfather United States Flags properly hung at night with up lighting in the Village.

Byers made the Motion to retain the language in the proposed revision of Article 8.11 (E) Outdoor Lighting-Prohibitions that reads "Use of upward directed fixtures is prohibited, except for the lighting of the United States Flag if done in accordance with the United States Flag Code." Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 4/0.

- Solar panel farms are incorporated into Article 5.34 Additional Conditions and Certain Uses. The Stanly County solar energy ordinance provisions were utilized as a starting point for Article 5.
- Outdoor golf driving ranges are defined as Outdoor Recreation.

- Off Street Parking and Loading currently would allow for the storage of unlicensed junk vehicles in a residential front yard. Mr. Fencil recommended that a standalone Nuisance Ordinance would better address the situation vs. a Zoning Ordinance.
- A long set of zoning guidelines must be met to accommodate an outdoor firearm and/or archery range.

Mr. Fencil advised that use variances are prohibited. A Zoning Ordinance change may need to be considered as issuing a variance should be a last resort.

Mayor Herron thanked the Planning Board members for all of their hard work since November 2012 in reviewing and considering revisions to the current Village Zoning Ordinances and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Michael Sandy, Stanly County Planning Director, was also provided a copy of the proposed revised Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Ordinance for his review and comment.

Byers made a Motion that the Planning Board recommend to the Village Council at their next Council meeting that the Council review and consider for adoption the proposed revised Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Ordinance. Hammill seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 4/0.

Other Business: There was no other business to discuss.

Adjournment: The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6PM at the Community Building. This meeting will be held jointly at the Village Council meeting on the same date, time, and location.

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Chair/ Vice Chair/Presiding Officer	Date	Pam M. Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk	Date