

Perry Planning Commission
Minutes April 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Martin Beeland called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

ROLL: Chairman Beeland; Commissioners Clarington, Jefferson, Mehserle, Poole, Williams, and Yasin were all present.

STAFF: Mike Beecham – Community Development Director and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk

GUESTS/PRESS: None

INVOCATION: was given by Commissioner Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2015 MEETING: Commissioner Mehserle motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Clarington seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Continued discussion of form based zoning

Mr. Beecham recapped staff's visit to the City of Woodstock where form based zoning has been in place in their jurisdiction for a few years. Pictures of Woodstock's downtown, where this type of zoning is present, along with their issues, both pro and con were provided. Overall the City of Woodstock is pleased with the result and it has incorporated well into their downtown district; there have been some issues with an example of a developer requesting a large number of variance for a project. As well, the concept has not had much result in area outside of the downtown district. Mr. Beecham felt form based zoning based on the research conducted merited the Planning Commission continuing forward in its' plan to incorporate in the rewrite of the PLDO.

The board held an open discussion on their concerns both for and against pursuing with the overall consensus of the commission to proceed with incorporating form based zoning in the PLDO rewrite.

Mr. Beecham requested of the commission their input on seeking outside professional assistance in writing such an ordinance; the board concurred.

On conclusion of discussion Commissioner Mehserle motioned to recommend approval of the pursuit of form based zoning with the request to Mayor and Council that outside professional assistance be solicited; Commission Poole seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN: there being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.