**City of Millersville Planning Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.**

**at Millersville City Hall**

The Millersville Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting at Millersville City Hall on Tuesday, February 14, 2023with the following board members present: Members: Keith Bell, Deborah Chadwick, Frank Fox, Alisa Huling and Kim Fry-Johnson; City Planner Charlie Pieri and Recording Secretary Amy Hutchison. Absent: Members Lincoln Atwood and Deborah Wade.

1. Call to Order.

Member Chadwick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

Mr. Charlie Pieri gave the invocation followed by the Pledge to the Flag of

the United States also led by Mr. Pieri.

3. Mr. Pieri introduced Keith Bell, Frank Fox and Alisa Huling as the new members of the Planning Commission.

**Member Bell moved to amend the agenda to select the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and to include this as Item #4 and to re-number the remaining Items until Item #9 at which time to add crypto mining discussion as Item #9 and to renumber the remaining items from that point forward, seconded by Member Huling. (Vote 5 yay – 0 nay.). Motion carried.**

4. Election of Planning Commission Officers.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Pieri for the election of the Planning Commission Officers.

**Member Bell moved to elect Deborah Chadwick as Chairman. (Vote 4 yay – 1 abstention, with Member Chadwick abstaining.). Motion carried. Ms. Chadwick has been elected as Chairman.**

**Member Bell moved to elect Frank Fox as Vice Chairman.**

**Chairman Chadwick made a motion to elect Alisa Huling as Vice Chairman.**

**With no additional nominees a vote was taken for Frank Fox as Vice Chairman (Vote 4 yay – 1 nay, with Chairman Chadwick voting for Ms. Huling.). Motion carried. Mr. Fox has been elected as Vice Chairman.**

**Chairman Chadwick made a motion to elect Keith Bell as Secretary.**

**Vice Chairman Fox made a motion to elect Kim Fry-Johnson as Secretary.**

**With no additional nominees a vote was taken for Kim Fry-Johnson as Secretary (Vote 3 yay – 2 nay, with Chairman Chadwick and Kim Fry-Johnson voting for Keith Bell.) Motion carried. Ms. Fry-Johnson has been elected as Secretary.**

5. Roll Call.

Mr. Pieri called the roll of the Planning Commission. Members Lincoln Atwood and Deborah Wade were absent. There was a quorum.

6. Approval of minutes

a. November 15, 2022

**Member Bell moved to postpone the vote of these minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Secretary Fry-Johnson. (Vote 5 yay – 0 nay.). Motion carried.**

7. Public Comments – Limited to 2 minutes per person

a. Rezone of 7718 Bethel Road from SR1 (Suburban Residential 1) to SR2 Suburban Residential 2.

Richard Baisden, 2003 Skyline Dr. – advised of a bad curve located on the road front of this property and it could cause problems with traffic. He stated that he objects to the re-zone.

b. Public Comments Closed

Public comments were closed.

8.7718 Bethel Road

a. Rezone of 7718 Bethel Road from SR1 (Suburban Residential 1) to SR2 (Suburban Residential 2).

b. Case Summary

Mr. Charlie Pieri gave an overview of the case summary. He advised that staff does not recommend the rezoning of this property as it would not be consistent with the surrounding zoning; it would be considered “spot zoning”.

c. Discussion

Steve McDougal, representative of the developer Burnett Corporation, explained to the Commission that the homes will all be upgraded with brick or Masonite siding. He also stated that with the re-zone it will allow more lots (27 lots versus 21 lots). This will bring more money for the builder and the City. Member Huling and Secretary Fry-Johnson are concerned with traffic problems that this development could create. Ms. Huling also stated that she would like to see some green space added. Chairman Chadwick asked Mr. McDougal if they were flexible on their design if the Commission does not approve the re-zone. Mr. McDougal stated that they are not opposed to being flexible or greenspaces. He also stated that they would keep the large trees as buffers.

**The request for re-zoning failed for lack of motion.**

9. Crypto mining

Member Huling brought this to the attention of the Planning Commission after she had seen news reports regarding this industry. She did research and passed out literature to help educate the Commission of the noise and emissions that this type of business generates. She stated that many counties have created ordinances to ban this type of industry. Mr. Pieri advised Member Huling that there is no decisive language in the Planning Department regarding this type of industry but if this type of business wanted to come to our City it would only be allowed in Industrial and would also need a re-zone to operate. Finally, he stated that this falls under the City Commission not the Planning Commission. Member Bell advised that he will talk to the City Commissioners and he along with Mr. Pieri could ask the City Manager to write an ordinance for this matter.

10. Commissioners Comments

Chairman Chadwick reminded the Members to complete their Bureau of Ethics and Finance paperwork as it was due on January 31st.

Mr. Pieri advised that there will not be a meeting in March as there is nothing on the agenda. He also advised that there will be an eight-hour training session that will start after the next meeting. Finally, he stated that the GNRC training will be on March 6th.

11. Adjournment.

**Member Bell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Huling.**

**(Vote 5yea– 0 nay.). Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hutchison

Recording Secretary