

"A Historic Past"



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**CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION
November 7, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Schofield called to order the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at approximately 7:00 p.m. Those present included Commission Members R. Malinowski, M. Malinowski, Stewart, Schofield, Lewis, Wyatt and Dilliplane.

ACTION ON THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2011 PC meeting as written. Commissioner Dilliplane seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The commission reviewed the signage and outdoor advertising regulations. Per Commissioner Schofield, City Manager Cathcart made a recommendation that the commission review Lewes, DE ordinance. Also provided for review was a copy of minutes from a 2009 meeting where someone petitioned Delaware City for a change in signage and shows what the public was requesting at that time. In addition Commissioner Schofield provided copies of the City of New Castle regulations for review. Discussion followed regarding the commissions objective. First thing is to decide whether there is a need to update the current ordinance and if so what needs adjusted. Once that is complete the next step is to help bring current properties to be compliant with the changes. Commissioner R. Malinowski noted the need to add two more districts, C1M & C1L. As for the 2009 recommendation Commissioner Schofield stated it is unclear whether it passed since there is no date or signature, nor was it brought to the Planning Commission's attention. Discussion continued. Commissioner M. Malinowski made a motion for the Planning Commission review the existing sign ordinance to gather information to bring to Mayor and Council. Commissioner R. Malinowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. Further discussion was had on using Lewes ordinance as a template, and where

to start with the reviewing process. Commissioner T. Dilliplane made a motion to evaluate all three documents in depth to come back prepared to discuss. Commissioner T. Wyatt seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Konkus – 302 Canal Street – wanted to know if the town has ever looked at old photos of the town up and down Clinton Street. Back then there was an array of electronic neon signs that established an exciting and inviting characteristic of the business district back then. Mr. Konkus stated he would like to see that allowed in the new ordinance.

John Buchheit – 210 Clinton Street – agreed with Mr. Konkus in looking at the historical photos and how the town looked in the past, the sign ordinance would not allow the signs as they are now. The main purpose of the ordinance was for the temporary signs which are only there as long as the business is.

Jenn Sullivan – 210 Monroe Street – by listening to peoples memories of the town she would like to see the town get back to that to restore those memories.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn. A vote was taken, all ayes, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle A. Hartman
City Secretary