

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Planning Commission meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Eric Larson and Bob Pogatschnik stepped down from the planning commission beginning January 2010.

PRESENT: Rick Fischbach, Katie Reiling, Doug Millaway

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

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Motion by Katie Reiling to approve the minutes as written, second by Rick Fischbach, all in favor and carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Four members of the Economic Development Committee (Hugh Knox, Cheryl Knox, Margie Evens, Sandra Zwilling) met with the Planning Commission to talk about development opportunities in Avon. Sandra Zwilling discussed the minutes from the January 5, 2010 Economic Development Committee Meeting (attached). Their main reason for meeting with the PC is to clarify zoning questions and to get some ideas so they can start to be proactive in the endeavor to build Avon residentially and commercially.

The EDC would like to see the website for Avon modified. Their idea was to have a general link to Avon that would be called **Community of Avon** which would have more information geared towards “selling” Avon. From there, people would be able to access to different web sites (ex. the City of Avon, Avon Township, Avon Chamber of Commerce). The EDC would possibly be responsible for the upkeep and the funding of the website. They would like to highlight businesses in the community and also provide instructions/application forms on the website to help answer some questions a business might have about getting started and what steps they need to take.

Another topic of discussion was the potential site for a community center that includes everything from meeting rooms to a large area for weddings/etc and also relocate the baseball park to this same location. They would like to focus on finding a place to build a ballpark and find a better use for the current ballpark. They believe it would be a good idea to find different locations for the ballpark before any further discussion is brought up to the community.

The EDC also discussed the properties on main-street and how the homes are or will be businesses in the future. They discussed the home at 201 Avon Avenue South and the possible plans of adding on to that home to turn that property into commercial property.

They discussed the value of homes in the commercial district and also the regulations if a residential home on main street turns into a business—Would it ever be able to go back to residential? The Shay property on Main Street was discussed and the EDC is wondering if the Planning Commission would recommend buying the property to hold onto until it can be sold as a commercial property.

The EDC is working on putting together a map by owner and assessed value of property for the commercial area.

Summary of meeting:

- ❑ The EDC would like to know if the PC would be supportive in their endeavor to move forward with promoting the area.
- ❑ The EDA is looking for an achievable project—Website.
- ❑ Possibly holding a Workshop “how to start a business in Avon”.
- ❑ They would like to have an idea or a plan before we present the multi-faceted center to the public.
- ❑ Get EDA up and running;

Notes: The existing map is not correct (old gas station on the corner-across from Black Financial) is colored as residential and it should be commercial.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Pogatchnik