

April 2, 2015 Comprehensive Plan meeting XVIII

Present: Dawn Holynski, Chair; Shawn Doyle, Secretary; Donna Gilson, Maureen Anderson (new member for the town). Excused: Bill Larrabee,

Town reps: George Harding, ZBA; Melvin Minot, Planning; Marshall Minot, ZBA

Village Reps: Michelle Hughes, Tina Heckman

Dawn opened the meeting at 7:05 she spoke on the profound sense of loss all feel on the death of Don Merritt. Don worked with the Village and Town in Planning and zoning for several years, and was previously on the Parish Planning Board. Shawn spoke on his conversation with Don's daughter Monica and that Half-Shire Historical and Parish Historical will be hosting a luncheon after his burial when it is set "in a few weeks".

Dawn introduced Maureen Anderson, new representative for the town of Richland. Maureen moved here in 2002, native of Scotland, lived in Syracuse from 1981-02, and recently retired.

Dawn asked Shawn about the change in law last June 23, 2014 whereby the cost of demolition of a property was placed on the county tax bill. Dawn also referenced the new county law on County tax break on residential properties. Shawn will get more information.

Donna made a motion to approve the minutes, Shawn 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, and carried

Shawn talked about bridges and an inventory of dates of construction he wants to add to plan updates.

Richland drainage and hamlet overlay, Shawn discussed with Richland folks. The Richland Park Association will be meeting next week, and will try to reform to be a catalyst for improvement projects there.

Discussion on housing and plans for historic district. Zoning "can't go backward" Marshall Minot

Agreed, but example downtown Pulaski, in 10 years with standards and turnover we could see change.

Need for a cleanup day trash amnesty day. Scrap needs to be encouraged to be taken away, and there was a general concern about the way the town looks...Shawn said its bad now after a bad winter and that the Monday improvement group would begin work soon.

Donna is going to sit on the housing cousin with Alyson Tighe. Much discussion on inspections, standards. DSS rental etc were among the causes of poor housing conditions some cited. Jodi and Steve Olson researched the neighboring communities and other cities and how they handled rental inspection. Village has these suggestions. Donna spoke on an association of landlords as an option.....many agreed DSS needs to be active in the inspection. What happened to HUD inspections?

Fence maintenance. Shaw said that the planning board needs to be vigilant on fences installed to make sure they are kept up. Discussion on consolidation, some reluctance on the part of town residents to consolidate planning.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 by Donna, Maureen 2nd all in favor. Next meeting planned for Thursday May 7, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Doyle