

MINUTES
WALTON PLAN COMMISSION
Monday October 3, 2011

President, Mac Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Walton Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Steve Williams, Arlan Bookwalter, Rick Lee, Mac Martin, Becky Tocco, Mike Robison, Dick Case and Pam Grant.

Member absent: Patti Raderstorf

Staff present: Chris Gaumer

Public in attendance: None.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the July 5, 2011 minutes. Pam Grant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

REPORTS:

ILP:

Improvement location permits for July, August and September were presented with no questions asked.

Quarterly Report:

Chris Gaumer presented the third quarterly report of the planning department, no questions were asked.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaw revisions: Mr. Gaumer presented the bylaw amendments for the Plan Commission, siting the major changes of:

- Recusals
- Written commitments
- Appeals of decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals

No questions were asked.

Unsafe building process: Mr. Gaumer explained the proposed process for Unsafe Building Ordinance by the planning staff and Plan Commission that will include:

- Sending orders
- Plan Commission agree or disagree with order
- Clean up measures
- Possible fines
- Possible clean up by Plan Commission with cost being paid by violator

Arlan Bookwalter questioned the definition of unsafe property and Mr. Gaumer explained that the Plan Commission may determine the definition of unsafe properties that can include structures and weeds on the lot or only structures. Mr. Gaumer explained that Township Trustees can order a clean up of weeds, tall grass and debris. A discussion of the property at 200 N. Davis Street followed with the issues of tall weeds and grass and the structure being damaged by fire recently. Mr. Gaumer stated that the staff will look into inspecting the property and will contact James Knight, Walton attorney.

Unsafe property 500 N. Davis Street: Mr. Gaumer presented pictures and sited the location of this property. Mr. Gaumer explained that the Health Department has inspected the property and ordered a clean up. Mr. Gaumer noted concerns of several issues:

- Dead birds in attic
- Old cistern in basement
- 150 fuel tank on property, hazardous material

Mr. Gaumer suggested waiting on the Health Department decision before taking any action, the Board approved.

PUBLIC IN ATTENANCE:

None.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM October 6, 2011.

Mac Martin, President

Becky Tocco, Secretary

Peggy Dillon, Recording Secretary