

MINUTES
WALTON PLAN COMMISSION
Monday October 6, 2014

President, Mac Martin called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the Walton Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mac Martin, Rick Lee, Mike Robison, Dick Case and Jessica Zehring.

Member absent: Steve Williams, Patti Raderstorf and 2 members to be appointed

Staff present: Chris Gaumer

Public in attendance: See sign in sheet

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Rick Lee made a motion to approve the August 4, 2014 minutes. Jessica Zehring seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution #14-03 Fee Schedule: Chris Gaumer explained that this Commission considered the amendments to the fee schedules at the last meeting and asked staff to prepare appropriate amounts for fees. Mr. Gaumer presented changes as staff has proposed and asked for questions. A discussion followed concerning the fee for moving accessory structures on skids. Mr. Martin felt that this requirement is excessive. Mrs. Zehring motioned to approve the proposed amendments but to remove the moving accessory structure on skids permit requirement and under commercial, adding construction and additions fees to be \$150 + 12cents per square foot. Mr. Lee seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous to approve.

Resolution #14-05 Commitments: Mr. Gaumer explained

Mr. Gaumer explained that for Board of Zoning Appeal cases, the written commitments are being recorded as required by the State and these commitments will be able to be found through a deed search for each property.

Mr. Lee motioned to adopt resolution #14-05. Mr. Case seconded the motion and all were in favor.

REPORTS:

ILP:

No permits were presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unsafe Building:

#11-04 Durr - 202 N. Davis:

Mr. Gaumer explained that this Commission has required Mr. Durr to complete the structure; install lattice; siding completed and clean up the weeds and grass.

Todd Groff, attorney representing the Durr's, presented pictures and reviewed the unsafe property process that has been going on and explained the following:

- Insurance has not paid the Durr's
- Lattice is a reasonable request and has been installed

- The building has been removed
- Siding and flashing has been installed
- The vegetation control looks better
- The unsafe portion is governed by this Commission but not the looks of the property
- The Durr's feel they are compliance with the unsafe ordinance

Mr. Durr stated that a contractor has determined that porch/ gazebo to be sound and some lag bolts and 4X4's on the porch and ceiling been installed as reinforcement and also some siding and flashing is completed.

Mr. Gaumer explained that the Durr's stated in a meeting that the gazebo would be finished, weeds and grass cleaned up, siding finished as an end result and this can give the Commission a stand for these to be completed.

Kendra Winegardner, 504 East St., Walton, stated that for 2 months the Durr's have not cleaned up the property; then this weekend, just before the meeting, they did clean it up; this leaves the property looking very bad most of the time.

Carol Woolever, 6651 S. 300 E., Walton, spoke against the looks of the property and that this has brought down property values in the area.

Mr. Groff re-stated that the Durr's feel they are in compliance with the ordinance and may do what they want with their property outside of that.

Sharon Case, 114 S. Depot St., Walton, spoke against the color of the house.

Mr. Lee spoke in behalf of the Town Board stating that weeds are now controlled by the Town Board and if they are a problem, can be taken care of.

Mrs. Zehring spoke concern that the gazebo is not sound/ safe and asked for proof from a certified contractor that it is.

A discussion of getting a qualified contractor to inspect the gazebo followed.

Mrs. Zehring motioned to not close this unsafe case until proof is provided that the gazebo is structurally sound. Mr. Lee seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC IN ATTENANCE:

None.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm October 6, 2014.

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Peggy Dillon, Recording Secretary