

Mayor Bryan Blakeman called the Columbiana City Planning Commission meeting of May 12, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom due to the coronavirus public health emergency. Planning Commission Secretary Deann L. Davis gave the invocation and Blakeman led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following members of planning commission answered roll call:

Scott Jones  
Ted Souder

Bryan Blakeman  
Tucker Cope, Jr.

City Manager Lance Willard, Municipal Attorney Mark Hutson, and Assistant Building and Zoning Inspector August Cerrone were present. Commission member Donna Bekar was not present.

Each member of the commission had a copy of the minutes of the planning commission meeting of April 14, 2020. The minutes stand as presented.

There was one item under old business. Commission members proceeded to new business.

There were four items on the agenda under new business.

Item #1 under new business was a site plan for a nutrition store at 18 South Main Street. Paige Baker and Ivan Adu-Poku were present and stated they will operate the business, which will offer shakes, energizing teas, and exercise workouts.

Cope moved to approve the site plan for a nutrition store at 18 South Main Street. Souder seconded the motion and on roll call: Souder, yea; Jones, yea; Cope, yea; and Blakeman, yea. (Motion Passed.)

Item #2 under new business was a re-plat for William Scyoc at 325 and 327 E. Railroad Street. William and Kay Scyoc were present and stated they want to demolish a vacant house at 327 E. Railroad Street and put a 30 x 40 foot garage with three bays on the lot.

Cerrone referred to Section 1260.19 of the code. Commission members noted the code states accessory buildings cannot exceed 832 square foot. Commission members concurred they could approve the re-plat, but the Scyocs would need to request a variance from the board of zoning appeals for a 1,200 square foot building.

Jones moved to approve the re-plat for William and Kay Scyoc at 327 E. Railroad Street and the tear down of the existing house. Souder seconded the motion and on roll call: Jones, yea; Cope, yea; Blakeman, yea; and Souder, yea. (Motion Passed.)

Item #3 under new business was a re-plat for Lot 21 at Juniper Drive to change it to Lots 20 and 21. Willard stated the request is to re-plat the lot from one lot back into two lots as it was originally platted.

Souder moved to approve the re-plat for Lot 21 at Juniper Drive to change it to Lots 20 and 21. Jones seconded the motion and on roll call: Cope, yea; Blakeman, yea; Souder, yea; and Jones, yea. (Motion Passed.)

Item #4 under new business was a site plan for Birdfish Brewing at 140 East Park Avenue for a temporary outdoor seating area. Josh Dunn was present and stated they are requesting a temporary extension of their patio to reopen their business under the COVID-19 restrictions.

Willard stated the plans would not include a DORA.

Jones moved to approve the site plan for Birdfish Brewing at 140 East Park Avenue for a temporary outdoor seating area. Souder seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on the duration of the temporary area.

Blakeman moved to amend the motion to state the duration is until the end of the social distancing orders. Jones seconded the motion.

On roll call for the amendment: Blakeman, yea; Souder, yea; Jones, yea; and Cope, yea. (Motion Passed.)

On roll call for the motion as amended: Souder, yea; Jones, yea; Cope, yea; and Blakeman, yea. (Motion Passed.)

Commission members proceeded to old business.

Item #1 under old business was discussion of Hippley Gardens.

Jones moved to remove the item from the table. Souder seconded the motion and on roll call: Jones, yea; Cope, yea; Blakeman, yea; and Souder, yea. (Motion Passed.)

Blakeman asked Andy Beech if he wanted to ask any questions. Beech stated his questions are in the memorandum he presented at the March meeting.

John Hippley was present. Blakeman asked Hippley if he was comfortable with the sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19; Hippley answered no. Blakeman stated Hippley could withdraw his application and resubmit it at a later date.

Hippley stated he prefers to withdraw his application. He stated he updated the website to state the garden is now private.

Souder moved to adjourn the planning commission meeting of May 12, 2020, at 8:07 p.m., and all members of the commission agreed.

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Bryan Blakeman, Mayor



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Deann L. Davis, Secretary