RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Planning Board January 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Bennett called the meeting of the Bellbrook Planning Board to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mr. Denny Bennett

Mr. Kyle Boehmer

Dr. William Dahling

Mr. Tim Tuttle

Dr. David Van Veldhuizen

ALSO PRESENT

Rob Schommer, City Manager

Michaela Grant, Community Development Administrator

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Bennett asked if anyone had any corrections to the October 10, 2024, Planning Board meeting minutes. Dr. Dahling addressed an error and requested to amend his statement regarding the City's land use and that "he [Dr. Dahling] doesn't feel that the plan promotes the health and welfare of the general community," implying that the City land use plan is not of value. His statement was regarding the redevelopment plan. The minutes were requested to be re-worded to reflect Dr. Dahling's statement regarding the redevelopment plan. Mr. Bennett declared that the October 10, 2024, minutes were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination of Chairperson

Mr. Dahling nominated Mr. Bennett; Mr. Tuttle seconded the nomination. With no more nominations, Mr. Bennett closed the nominations, and Board members voted by ballots. Mr. Bennett was nominated as Chairperson and approved.

Nomination of Vice Chairperson

Dr. Dahling nominated Mr. Boehmer, Mr. Tuttle and Dr. Van Veldhuizen seconded the nomination. With no more nominations, Mr. Bennett closed the nominations, and Board members voted by ballots. Mr. Boehmer was nominated as Vice Chairperson and approved.

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Mr. Bennett stated that the next business is the discussion of the updates to the Board and Commissions Orientation Handbook regarding Board and Commissions rules. Ms. Grant explained the update process. Mr. Tuttle brought up the 2-term limit for the Planning Board and that City Council might consider changing it, as there is a concern with losing good and reliable Board members to the term limit. Mr. Bennett agreed with Mr. Tuttle's opinion. Mr. Schommer advised that the Planning Board is a Charter-created board and that the term limit requirement is within the Charter, and any change would require a Charter change, which is outside the bounds of the Boards and Commissions Orientation Handbook changes.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

City Council Member Mr. Greenwood, 42 South West Street, stated he appreciated all the Planning Board members and thanked them for their service, noting former Board member Ed Stangel's service. He stated that finding people to perform in these civic roles is hard. He noted that, as a Council Member, they will look into the 2-term limit. Mr. Greenwood also mentioned the ongoings with the former Sugarcreek Elementary building and the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.
Denny Bennett, Chairperson
Rob Schommer, Clerk of Council