Beverly Shores Plan Commission Minutes

February 3, 2020

1. The meeting of the Beverly Shores Plan Commission was called to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Beverly Shores Administration Building. Members of the Plan Commission present were John Blackburn, Greg Brown, Joe Kapacinskas, Greg Lyman, Donna Norkus, and Tom Weber. Commissioner Larry Stanton was not in attendance.
2. Nomination and Selection of 2020 Plan Commission Chair

Following a round of nominations, the Commission selected Greg Lyman to be the President of the Plan Commission for 2020. Tom Weber was selected as Vice-President for the term.

1. Review of previous meeting minutes.

Minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Weber moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Norkus. Motion passed.

1. New Business

New business was advanced in the meeting’s Agenda to accommodate presentations by visiting Town officials: Charles Ray, the Building Commissioner, and Dave Wagner, the President of the Building Committee and Building Site Committee.

* 1. Steep Slope Ordinance:
     1. Charles Ray discussed some issues in applying the current steep slope provisions. He presented a “Preliminary Steep Slope” proposal which would replace portions of the current ordinance. The proposal is intended to simplify and clarify key requirements. It proposes a new approach by quantifying, in cubic yards, the maximum amount of sand that may be removed, relocated or added from an existing dune. Commissioners received copies of Ray’s proposal. President Lyman asked all to review and provide comments on the proposed changes at the next Commission meeting.
  2. Tree Ordinance

* + 1. Revisions to the current “Tree Ordinance” were presented. Commissioners received copies of the proposal. President Lyman asked all to review and provide comments on the revised ordinance at the next Commission meeting.

1. Old Business

a. Zoning Map Update

Discussion continued on the revision of the Town’s Zoning Map. The current Map was reviewed again by the Commissioners, and Charles Ray said that he would work on a proposed revision.

b. Comprehensive Plan 2020

After some discussion, there was agreement that results of the Town Survey should be made publicly accessible. Tom Weber will redact personal information found in the first sections of the survey, as well as the free-form comments that were collected at the end of the survey. The comments will be summarized in future public meetings concerning the comprehensive plan. With these redactions in place, the Survey results will be made accessible via a link on the Town’s website.

A public meeting or meetings will also be scheduled in the coming months, preferably on a weekend, to review the Survey results and gather additional input from our residents for the Comprehensive Plan.

Collection of US Census data will begin April 1st. Commissioner Lyman recalled that data from the 2010 Census became available late in that year. Expectations were that results of this year’s Census will be available in a similar time period, so that by Spring of 2021, the Commission may have 2020 Census data available to incorporate in the new Comprehensive Plan.

1. Plan Commission Appointment to the BZA

The appointment of a PC member to the BZA was discussed and then tabled to the next meeting. The eligible Commissioners were asked by President Lyman to consider accepting this appointment.

7 Commissioner Norkus moved to adjourn the meeting, Kapacinskas seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.