

**KENT PLANNING COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Amanda Edwards
Chris Clevenger-Morris
Jeff Clapper
Michael Bruder
Peter Paino**

STAFF PRESENT:

**Bridget Susel, Director
Jennifer Barone, Development Engineer
Eric Fink, Asst. Law Director**

I. Call to Order

Ms. Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Ms. Edwards, Mr. Morris, Mr. Paino, Mr. Bruder, and Mr. Clapper were present.

III. Reading of the Preamble

The Planning Commission operates in accordance with the provisions of the Kent City Charter, the Kent Zoning Code and Subdivision Regulations, all of which establish the powers and duties of the Commission. Members of the Planning Commission are appointed by Kent City Council and serve without compensation. Certain cases such as Conditional Zoning Certificates, Special Zoning Permits, Overlay District Projects and Zoning Amendment require Public Hearings before the Planning Commission. During the Public Hearing, any person wishing to address their concerns to the Commission will be provided the opportunity. Once the Public Hearing is closed, it shall be the discretion of the Chair whether to allow any additional public comment. Cases such as Site Plan Reviews and Subdivision Projects do not require a Public Hearing. However, the Chair will allow public comment on each case as it is taken on the agenda. In each instance where the Commission receives public comments or conducts a Public Hearing, those persons wishing to address their concerns to the Commission will be required to do so under oath or positive affirmation. The oath or affirmation shall be administered to all who wish to speak at the beginning of the Planning Commission Meeting. Once a decision has been made by the Planning Commission on a case, the Case is closed for the Commission, as there is no provision to reopen a case. With the exception of cases falling under the Subdivision Code, any decision of the Planning Commission may be appealed to the City's Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the Chapter 1109 of the Zoning Code. Anyone interested in appealing a decision of the Planning Commission is advised to seek private legal counsel.

IV. Administration of Oath

Mr. Fink instructed those members of the audience wishing to be heard on any of the cases presented at this meeting to rise and raise their right hand. Mr. Fink administered the Oath, "Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give this evening is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? Please say "I do." The participants responded, "I do."

V. Correspondence

Revised Minutes for December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019

VI. Old Business

**A. PC19-013 Josh Dobrilovic - Map Amendment
500 VFW Pkwy**

Mr. Fink stated that in order to make a map amendment and in the event that the applicant is not the owner of the property/properties to be rezoned, and if the application is initiated under the Kent Codified Ordinance 1111.02(d), the applicant should provide evidence of written authorization from the property owners of the property involved in the amendment if they have been authorized to pursue the map amendment or change on behalf of the property owners. Mr. Fink stated that in this case, authorization was provided to the City. Mr. Fink reported however, on January 3, 2020, Michael Farmer, the Commander of the VFW Post that owns this property, revoked that permission to Josh Dobrilovic and instead has now allocated that authority to Greg Morscher on behalf of Northeast Ohio Xenos Church, who has filed a separate application for a map amendment. Mr. Fink stated that the Commander has requested that no further action be taken on this matter on behalf of the property owner and therefore, based upon the fact that the person who made this case application no longer has standing to appear before this body, Mr. Fink respectfully asks the Planning Commission to close this matter from further discussion.

The Commissioners had no further comment.

MOTION: Mr. Morris moved that the Planning Commission close case PC19-013 based on the applicant's lack of standing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clapper.

The motion carried 5-0.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Paino moved to approve the December 3, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clapper.

The motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Morris abstained.

MOTION: Mr. Morris moved to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clapper.

The motion carried 3-0-2. Mr. Paino and Mr. Bruder abstained.

IX. Other Business

None

X. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Morris moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paino. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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