

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
Minutes of Planning Commission Committee Meeting and Public Hearing,
January 31st, 2023, at 6:30pm

1. At 6:30 p.m. the Planning Commission Committee held a public meeting regarding the property at 27485 North 1800 East Rd, Bismarck, Illinois 61814 for a rezoning request from Mr. and Mrs. Darryl and Kathryn Moss from agricultural farmland to commercial. The meeting was held at the Bismarck Men's Club to allow space for the public to attend the meeting. Roll call was taken and the planning commission committee members present were Chairman Rick Kentner; and committee members Misty Hillard, Tim Landers, Zach Hagley, Eric Siddens and Ryan Smalley. Committee member Tim Hillard was absent due to illness. There were 5 persons in attendance: Ty Eshleman; Sherri Adams; Donald Evans; Doug Young and John Young. .

Call for approval of the agenda was requested by Chairman Rick Kentner. Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Mr. Zach Hagley, with a second made by Misty Hillard. Motion passed by acclamation.

Chairman Rick Kentner opened comments to the public and stated he was happy to see the community coming out to give their input. It shows that the community is concerned about what is happening in the Village of Bismarck and the planning commission values any feedback from the community. The Planning Commission heard public comments from the community regarding the proposed change in zoning. The planning commission committee gave everyone in the audience a chance to speak, ask questions and respond to their concerns regarding the rezoning request. Resident Doug Young stated that he is all for progress in the Village and supports the Village in bringing in business, but he has concerns about picking up yellow bags that blow onto his property. Mr. John Young agreed. Mr. Doug Young also asked where the entrance would potentially be for a business. It was reported that the initial plans would have an entrance off Bowman. Chairman Rick Kentner asked Mr. Young if he had a preference. He stated that he would prefer off Bowman and not 2750. Mr. John Young asked if the speed could be reduced. Resident Don Evans stated it is always a plus to bring business into Bismarck, but he has concerns about the side of the road that is being rezoned for commercial use and that kids may be tempted to cross Bowman. The cars and semis that drive down Bowman speed through and it is not a safe area. There are also water concerns but if a business is built up that should not be an issue. Committee Member Eric Siddens brought up that there is also the concern about the railroad tracks that children would be crossing if they were to go toward Bowman. It was also brought up that the Village residents use golf carts to travel through town, and this may become an issue as well that everyone would need to be aware of.

Chairman Rick Kentner stated that the planning commission shared the concerns regarding traffic along Bowman and President Brown has been in contact with IDOT to inquire what can be done. They are in the process of doing a traffic study and that will need to be re-done after a business would be placed there. There is a process but ultimately the decision for a traffic light, reduced speed limit, or flashing lights would be at the discretion of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and not the Village of Bismarck, although the Village will continue to advocate as it is a concern. Committee member Tim Landers stated that it is important to work with IDOT as soon as possible to get ahead of the concerns and traffic issues. President Brown stated he agreed that it is important to get ahead and be proactive before anything would happen. It was also mentioned that something needs to be placed in the Village newsletter so that parents are mindful to be watching their children and ensure they are not crossing the railroad tracks and going to Bowman without parental supervision. There were no further concerns, comments or questions by the public.

The planning commission chairperson Rick Kentner thanked everyone for attending the public hearing and stated that they would reconvene at the Village Office for an open meeting on February 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm to discuss the residents' concerns and opinions raised during the public hearing and vote on a recommendation to give to the Village of Bismarck Board of Trustees at their next meeting

scheduled for February 21st, 2023 at 6:30pm.

2. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Bismarck Planning Commission Committee will be held at the Village Office in Bismarck, Illinois, on February 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm. Items to be considered for the agenda are to be submitted by the 20th of the month, to the Village Clerk.

3. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Committee at this time, motion was made to adjourn the public hearing meeting. Motion was made by Tim Landers, with a second made by Ryan Smalley. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandye Kizer, Village Clerk

APPROVED 2/7/2023