

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE FISHER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:30pm

A special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Fisher was held at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Fisher Community Center, 100 E. School Street, Fisher, IL. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dornbusch at 6:34pm.

Commissioners present: Dave Dornbusch, Steve Hammond, Debbie Heiser, Denny McCool, and Rick Shep – 5
Commissioners absent: None – 0
Also present: Building & Zoning Administrator Jeremy Reale and Village Attorney Marc R. Miller

The minutes for the previous meeting had been distributed electronically to the commissioners for review. Following review of the minutes, Commissioner Hammond moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting as prepared. Commissioner McCool seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chairman Dornbusch stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide the commissioners with a basic orientation covering the role and legal responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Attorney Miller noted that the Village of Fisher Planning and Zoning Commission is essentially a hybrid of two standard bodies, the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals. He explained the different roles and responsibilities of commissioners in relation to the planning and zoning components of their duties. The planning aspect encompasses making recommendations on broader, policy-related matters such as comprehensive land use plans and text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The zoning side was more narrowly focused on specific cases in which variances to zoning regulations were considered. Attorney Miller stressed that these cases called for the Commission to act as a quasi-judicial body, in which members were bound to make determinations based solely upon facts and testimony presented during the course of a public hearing.

Attorney Miller also provided an overview of the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Each commissioner would be responsible for registering as a public body member with the office of the Illinois Attorney General and completing the online Open Meetings Act training curriculum. Mr. Reale would provide the commissioners with information on this process, including the hyperlink to access the training portal.

Following his presentation, Attorney Miller addressed questions from the commissioners.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner McCool moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Heiser seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy A. Reale
Recording Secretary