

**MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK**

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING**

**DECEMBER 11, 2019**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Mark Viehman called to order the December 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Bethel Park Planning and Zoning Commission at approximately 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. ROLL CALL

Present were: Mr. Viehman, Mr. Grandillo, Ms. Rios-Myers, Mr. Mingrone, Mr. Raeder, and Ms. Smith, Ms. Cready, and Mr. Fisher

Also present: John Quinlisk, Environmental Engineer, and Emily Moldovan, Municipal Planner

B. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Viehman asked if there were any communications. Ms. Cready noted the meeting minutes.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 11, 2019 minutes were approved. The motion was approved with nine (9) in favor and none opposed. The October 9, 2019 minutes were approved. The motion was approved with nine (9) in favor, and none opposed.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Viehman asked if there were any citizen's comments. There were none.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Viehman asked if there was any old business. There was none.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Application # 2019-0822**: Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape LLC Consolidation Plan, Major Subdivision, 4991 Library Road, Property Lot & Block #s 392-F-225,

392-F-215, 392-F 175, 392-F-200, 392-F-165, 392-G-110, 392-F-305, & 392-G-120, Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape LLC – Applicant, Current Zoning C-2, Ward 4

The applicant requested this application be tabled to the January 2020 Meetings.

2. **Application # 2019-0823**: Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape LLC, Major Land Development, 4991 Library Road, Property Lot & Block #s 392-F-225, 392-F-215, 392-F 175, 392-F-200, 392-F-165, 392-G-110, 392-F-305, & 392-G-120, Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape LLC – Applicant, Current Zoning C-2, Ward 4

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G. OTHER ITEMS:

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Beekeeping Ordinance. This item is to be further revised. The language between sections 5. A.3., and 4.A is confusing and repetitive, and needs to be checked that it is not conflicting. Staff brought up the idea that permitting for chickens/ coop is a one-time event. Do we either want to amend the code, the question posed- is it important to keep this consistent with chickens? The consensus was not to touch the code on chickens due to the overwhelming opposition the public may have as they have dealt with these meetings in the past, and there could potentially a great deal of public opposition again. The decision was to take out “annual permit”. Lastly, in section 6., fix the language to allow the inspector to inspect both the property as well as the hives.
2. 2020 Planning & Zoning Development Meeting Dates

The 2020 calendar was approved. The motion was made by Mr. Raeder, and seconded by Ms. Rios-Myers.

3. Sonnybrook Court – Private Road, Petition to be Accepted by Municipality  
This item had been tabled
4. Model Ordinance – A Review of the Brentwood Borough Sidewalk Ordinance. Staff stated that Bethel Park has contracted with a company that will analyze the sidewalks similar to what is done with roads. Therefore, it is important to review the sidewalk ordinance at this time. Staff will start with getting together some more up to date specifications by other municipalities that we can use as model code. The comprehensive plan calls for more walkability, and this is a starting point for the process. Several Planning Commission members voiced their concerns that older residents will not want this, and that it could create problems, such as dilapidated sidewalks that are dangerous to the community. The members that served on the steering committee stated that the community voted overwhelmingly to increase walkability, and to add sidewalks in key areas like commercial corridors, transit, and schools.

H. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Raeder, and seconded by Ms. Rios-Myers. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.