

Lanesboro Planning and Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom

Present: Jeff Lepper, Randy Rakosnik, Jason Resseman, and Michael Seiler

Absent: None

Visitors: Darla Taylor, Joe Goetzke, Kara Maloney, Kim Berekvam, Ame Putman, Tyler Shipton, Jon Pieper, Ollie Lepper, Karen & Andy Heimdahl, Lori Rakosnik, Elizabeth & Allen Mason, Annie McCabe, Brenda Janvrin, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Mitchell Walbridge, Tamara Degarmo, Sarah Pieper, Fred Kiel, Chris Goetzke, Scott & Angie Taylor, Bonnie Handmacher, Andy Batstone, Richard Harrell, and Carol Howe.

Commission Member Resseman called the Regular Planning & Zoning Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Seiler motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Lepper seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Seiler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion seconded by Member Rakosnik. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - 1. Minutes of the regular meeting, January 19, 2022

Continued Business:

- A. Mobile Food Providers:** Commission members invited guests to provide thoughts and concerns:
 - Another draft ordinance for Mobile Food Providers was submitted to the Commission using the Attorney's original draft, and included several other items from other Cities as well as State statute.
 - Over regulation would essentially ban mobile food units in town. Units would complement not compete with existing establishments. A daily fee should be carefully considered, as it could end up being significantly more than existing property taxes.
 - Excessive fees would also discourage units from coming to town.
 - Mobile Food Providers often also have brick and mortar businesses, as well also have considerable expenses such as license fees, insurance, salaries, and vehicle maintenance. Providers also often have followers, which could bring new people to town.
 - Encouragement to consider the scope of the discussion, there is a desire for all to be successful. The size of the community should also be considered to keep perspective on the variety of establishments as well as fee considerations.
 - Fees should be equitable, often the application process and fees are overwhelming.
 - Daily or application fees should be equitable to property taxes.
 - Local establishments that currently pay property taxes would like to supplement their own businesses by bringing in Mobile Food Providers. All providers pay local sales tax and therefore benefit the community.
 - Planning & Zoning has been considering this discussion for several years.
 - The structure of the ordinance is what needs to be decided.
 - Consideration should be given to not restrict Mobile Food Trucks for private events. Mobile Food Trucks would allow for more variety in town.

- Impact Mobile Food Providers would have on the Downtown Historic District.

Members then discussed amending the Peddler Ordinance, or making further amendments to the draft ordinance specifically for Mobile Food Vendors. Members noted they would like to amend the existing peddler ordinance to include the following provisions:

- Distance from another business serving food
- Application Fee, Per Day Fee
- Allow only two units in town per day
- Permits are to be filed jointly with the property owner
- Allow exceptions when approved City Council Special Events
- Provide distinction between private and public events
- Proof of Licensure and Insurance
- Garbage is the responsibility of of the unit and the property owner to dispose of
- Units need not be self contained
- Hours of operation, to follow the guidance in the existing noise ordinance
- No other tables and chairs are to be set up outside of the unit

Member Resseman motioned to table the discussion. Member Seiler seconded the motion.

Amendments will be shared with the City Attorney, and an amended draft ordinance will be available for the March Planning & Zoning meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Member Lepper moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Rakosnik. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Peterson, MCMC
City Administrator/Clerk