

Municipal Planning Commission

June 6, 2012

The Village of Stirling MPC meeting was held at the Stirling Community Centre on June 6, 2012. In attendance were Councillors Tanner, Hirsche and Maynes, CAO Barton and Assistant CAO Mike Selk.

- CALLED TO ORDER Councillor Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.
- 2012-10 AGENDA Councillor Maynes moved to adopt the agenda. Carried
- 2012-11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR Councillor Hirsche moved to appoint Councillor Maynes as Chair of the MPC. Carried
- 2012-12 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR Councillor Hirsche moved to appoint Councillor Tanner as Vice-Chair of the MPC. Carried
- 2012-13 MINUTES Councillor Hirsche moved to adopt the minutes of the March 23, 2012 MPC Meeting. Carried
- DA2012-09 HOME OCCUPATION – STIRLING HAUNTED MANSION Richard and Glory Reimer spoke about how the Haunted Mansion has evolved over time. They talked the slow level of traffic through most of the year with the busy time being the last 2 weekends in October. Hours of operation are 2-9 p.m. normally and 2-10 p.m. on the busy weekends. They also spoke about how the site has proven to be a popular attraction, which is good for the community, something people love to see and participate in. They also spoke about how other home occupations bring in increased traffic.
- Councillor Mike Maynes then read a letter of support from Business owner Rob Edwards. The letter is attached.
- Chris Johnson spoke about the letter he submitted to the MPC. The letter is attached.
- Sandra Nelsen spoke about the letter she submitted to the MPC. The letter is attached. She further asked if the application is approved what will happen at the site into the future.
- Larry Bates spoke about how he has never found the traffic coming to the Haunted Mansion to be a nuisance. He said the

attraction is a positive thing for Stirling and how some people know Stirling because of this facility.

Ron Bore talked about how the residence was a semi-derelict facility prior to the Reimer's purchasing the property. He spoke about how the Reimer's have improved the property and built on the tourism possibility for Stirling. He said if the residential zoning designation may not work, you can change it to commercial. He further indicated that for 3 of the 52 weeks of the year it may be busier than it should be.

Gordon Schaufert spoke about his letter he submitted to the MPC. The letter is attached.

Chris Johnson spoke again about how bylaws have not been followed up to this point. He also spoke about the increased traffic in the area.

Linda Johnson spoke about the maze that was recently constructed at the Haunted Mansion site and how it affects her ability to enjoy her property.

Richard and Glory Reimer provided a final rebuttal. They spoke about the Michelsen Farmstead tourism facility being in a residential area. They indicated they knew parking could be an issue and are working on a plan including boulevard parking. They also spoke about their diligence in cleaning the property each morning after being open. They also spoke about how the residence has operated as a pool hall and school and had other uses over the past many years.

2012-14

Councillor Maynes moved to table the application to the next MPC meeting.

Carried

2012-15 ADJOURN

Councillor Tanner moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Carried



Chair – Mike Maynes



Development Officer