

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JOLIET**

The meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Joliet was called to order by the Chairman, Joseph Strong, in the South Wing Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, on October 18, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present:

THOMAS BRAVATO
JASON COX
DAVID JELINEK
JOHN KELLA
RICK MOORE
JOSEPH SHETINA
DON WALDEN
JOSEPH STRONG

The following member(s) were absent:

ROSALIE D'ANDREA

Thereupon the following matters were discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Z-4-12: RECLASSIFICATION OF 614 SUMMIT STREET FROM R-3 (ONE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING TO R-2 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING.

Mr. Haller gave the planning staff report.

No one appeared on behalf of the petition.

Mr. Torri, Planner, said the residence will be owner occupied.

Commissioner Shetina wanted to confirm that the city is not forcing someone to downzone and they are not fully aware of what they are doing. Mr. Haller responded the petitioner is aware of the regulations.

No one appeared in opposition to the petition.

Mr. Walden moved that the Plan Commission recommend the City Council approve the Reclassification of 614 Summit Street from R-3 (one and two family residential) zoning to R-2 (single-family residential) zoning. Mr. Kella seconded the motion, which passed with eight aye votes. Voting aye were: Cox, Jelinek, Kella, Moore, Shetina, Walden, Bravato and Strong.

P-5-12: PRELIMINARY PLAT OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SUBDIVISION (A MINOR SUBDIVISION).

V-5-12: VACATION OF A DETENTION AND LAKE EASEMENT IN LOT 1, BROOKSIDE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3A.

Mr. Haller gave the planning staff report.

Mr. Michael Hansen, Attorney, appeared on behalf of the petition. Mr. Hansen requested the petition be tabled until the November Plan Commission meeting. They still have to work with the board of the association with respect to a covenant issue as well as the residents that reside on the pond have some questions concerning the berming. The park district and St. John's need a little more time to get the matters resolved.

Mr. Kella moved that the Plan Commission table the Preliminary Plat of St. John's Lutheran Subdivision and the Vacation of a Detention and Lake Easement in Lot 1, Brookside Subdivision Phase 3A to the November 15, 2012 Plan Commission meeting. Mr. Jelinek seconded the motion, which passed with eight aye votes. Voting aye were: Jelinek, Kella, Moore, Shetina, Walden, Bravato, Cox and Strong.

V-4-12: VACATION OF A 66' X 224' PORTION OF JOLIET STREET, NORTH OF MARION STREET.

Mr. Haller gave the planning staff report.

Mr. Haller appeared on behalf of the petition.

No one appeared in opposition to the petition.

Mr. Kella moved that the Plan Commission recommend the City Council approve the Vacation of a 66' x 224' Portion of Joliet Street, North of Marion Street. Mr. Bravato seconded the motion, which passed with eight aye votes. Voting aye were: Kella, Moore, Shetina, Walden, Bravato, Cox, Jelinek and Strong.

V-6-12: VACATION OF A PORTION OF WOODRUFF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AT RAILROAD CROSSING.

Mr. Haller gave the planning staff report.

Mr. Haller and Mr. Scott Gapsevich, Engineering, appeared on behalf of the petition.

Chairman Strong asked if Woodruff Road will remain open. Mr. Haller responded that Woodruff Road will close. Mr. Gapsevich said the new road will start east of the railroad tracks on Woodruff.

Mr. Fred Henderson, area resident, asked about the plans to remove a portion of the wall to get to Collins Street. He also wanted to know if a traffic signal would be put there and Mr. Gapsevich responded there would not be a traffic signal.

Mr. William Bills, 1401 Demmond Street, stated his concern for the safety of the children leaving the 2 schools in the area. His fear is the closing of Woodruff Road will cause extra traffic near the schools. Mr. Haller responded he does not feel any extra traffic will be rerouted near the schools that isn't already there.

Ms. Betty Gavin, Executive at Forest Park Community Center, responded to Mr. Bills that the traffic should not be an issue through the area. They also have great coverage in terms of police traffic control.

The project should begin next spring.

Mr. Julio Reyes, resident on Wabash, asked if the trains will be removed completely or if it will become a quiet zone. Mr. Haller responded it will become a quiet zone which means there will be no whistles.

Mr. Kella moved that the Plan Commission recommend the City Council approve the Vacation of a Portion of Woodruff Road Right-of-Way at Railroad Crossing. Mr. Cox seconded the motion, which passed with eight aye votes. Voting aye were: Moore, Shetina, Walden, Bravato, Cox, Jelinek, Kella and Strong.

STUDY SESSION:

OTHER BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 20, 2012 Plan Commission meeting was approved with a unanimous voice vote of aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote of aye.

Recorded on tape: kam