

City of Galesburg
Planning Commission Meeting
February 13, 2023

Vice Chair DeeAnn Whisler called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Present: Whisler, Marble, Newman

Excused: Homan

Also present: Clerk Lisa McNees, City Manager Sarah Joshi

Lemon moved/Newman seconded to approve January 16, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The edited meeting schedule for the year has been adopted, per Whisler and is attached here.

Old business

Discussion continued regarding the accessory buildings and sheds ordinance the Planning Commission had submitted to the attorney last month. After further discussion they agreed #1 should exclude the parenthetical phrase related to attached garages and an accessory building that is not structurally attached to a residence, shall comply with all applicable setback, height, and lot coverage requirements set forth in this chapter, furthermore it shall be located in the side or rear yard. The definition of "lot line", front set forth in Section 82-3 shall determine the "front yard."

SAFEbuilt staff gave the Planning Commission general requirements for fencing. Whisler stated the last time the Planning Commission spoke about fences they said the city would require a zoning permit, hardware/finished side of the fence would face the neighbors, foundation for poles like crushed concrete, no barb wire, electric or razor wire fences allowed. Dog pens had to be chain linked. Whisler asked staff to find the required height of a daycare fence.

Newman spoke about the fence being more than 3 feet in height it must meet all the requirements listed below the section about boundary lines. Newman said the city need to add something about retaining walls. Whisler said the city should state a retaining wall is a solid structure. Newman stated the city should see if SAFEbuilt has something in writing for retaining walls.

A motion was made by Newman to table fencing and retaining walls, seconded by Lemon.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Lemon/Newman.

Next meeting was set for March 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa McNees, Clerk

Deeann Whisler, Vice Chairman