



**MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
PLANNING COMMISSION /
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
APRIL 19, 2022**

Commissioners Present: Cowman, McLean, Parks, Scott
Commissioners Absent: DeGrande, Nickelson
Others Present: Randi Shannon, Jessica Newton, Confluence Representatives,
Leigh House

Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2: Consideration of minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Cowman called the meeting to order. The first order of business was the introduction of Andy Parks to the Paola Planning Commission. The Commissioners then moved into the consideration and approval of the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting, Commissioner Cowman made a second motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. Commissioner Parks abstained due not being present at the March 15, 2022 meeting.

Item 3: Public Hearing: Consideration and vote to approve a Resolution adopting the Paola Comprehensive Plan and recommend for final approval by the City Council.

Commissioners McLean and Scott made a motion to open the public hearing, with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Planner Newton stated that there were no written comments submitted from the public in regards to the public hearing.

Commissioners McLean and Cowman made a motion to close the public hearing, with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Planner Newton introduced Chris Shires, Confluence, to present the March 2022 draft of the Paola Comprehensive Plan to the Commissioners. Shires stated that if the Commissioners approved the draft then it would be finalized and presented to the City Council for approval at their May 10, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Scott asked how the amount of public input related to other communities Confluence has worked with. Mr. Shires stated that while Confluence would have liked to see more community involvement, they are happy with the feedback they received. Commissioner Scott then asked if the draft is in line with Miami County Comprehensive

Plan and what Confluence feels the dynamic between City and County is. Mr. Shires stated that Miami County has been a part of the process and adjustments have been made regarding their feedback. Mr. Shires stated that City and County do not have mutually exclusive goals and that it is in the best interest for County to support long term City planning.

Commissioner Parks asked about narrowing of city street widths. Confluence representative, Jay, stated this would only be on certain streets that are abnormally wide for no apparent reason. This would also help allow for additional sidewalks or bike lanes.

Commissioners Scott and McLena made a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the Paola Comprehensive Plan and recommended for final approval by the Paola City Council, with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Item 4: Community/ Economic Development Director Report

Planner Newton presented the following:

1. Received 9 new permits for single family residential homes
2. Previous City Council meeting
 - a. Introduction of Mitch Gabbert as the Codes Enforcement Officer
 - b. Police Department promoted 5 officers
 - c. Juneteenth will be observed by City staff
3. City Hall office hours will change May 2, 2022 to 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Item 8: Adjournment

Commissioners Cowman and McLean made a motion to adjourn with all Commissioners voting in favor.