

**PLANNING COMMISSION /
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
JULY 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Cowman, Dees, McLean, Maurer, Upshaw

Commissioners Absent: DeGrande, Parks

Others Present: Jessica Newton - City of Paola
Troy Bruza

Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2: Consideration of minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting.

Commissioner Cowman called the meeting to order. The next order of business was the consideration and approval of the minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting.

Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Upshaw with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Item 3: Consideration and vote to approve a waiver from the sidewalk requirements for new construction, 701 E Shawnee, Bruza Residence

Planner Newton presented background information on the property at 701 E Shawnee and the current city requirements for sidewalk installation with all new construction. Residential homes built on infill lots have all been required to install a sidewalk and builders have complied. Owners at 701 E Shawnee have approached Staff to ask for the sidewalk requirement be waived due to the location of their property. The Land Development Ordinance does allow for the Planning Commission to grant a waiver from the sidewalk requirement in Section 11.152. The City of Paola also has a cost share program for homeowners to utilize for the installation of sidewalks. This program is a 50/50 cost share if homeowners apply.

Troy Bruza asked for the waiver based on the fact that no other residences on his side of East St has a sidewalk that he would be connecting to. Bruza doesn't feel it is reasonable money to be spent with one small section of sidewalk in front of his home.

Planner Newton stated Shawnee St runs east to west and has a parcel that is buildable to the east of the Bruza Residence, if this parcel is developed it would also be required to have a sidewalk installed that would connect to the Bruza's if they install a sidewalk.

Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve a waiver from the sidewalk requirements for new construction, 701 E Shawnee, Bruza Residence. Commissioner Cowman seconded the motion with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Item 4: Community / Economic Development Director Report

City Planner Newton presented the following:

1. Building Inspection
 - a. Position open for hiring of new building inspector
 - b. The Lincoln withdrew their CUP application
 - c. Reach Church will have a community event in August
2. June City Council
 - a. Working on budget

Item 5: Adjournment

Commissioner McLean made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Upshaw with all Commissioners voting in favor.