



**Minutes of the
PZAZ Committee
Date: 19th Aug 2020
Zoom Meeting**

ELECTRONIC MEETING

This meeting was conducted pursuant to Governor Eric J. Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-02, 20-04 and 20-08 and Governor Holcomb's Exercise of his powers under Indiana's Emergency Management and Disaster Law, Ind. Code 10-14-3, *et seq.*

Additional information about this meeting was provided in the annex published with the Agenda

Present: Tom Casalini, Mervyn Cohen, Greta Sanderson, Nancy Tikijian, and Amy Lacy

Absent: Brad Burk

Pauline Coderre attended as an interested visitor. Mark Zelonis was present for part of the time

Greta Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:00am

Introductions:

Each member of the committee briefly introduced themselves

Discussion Items

1. Greta reviewed our Mission

To promote urban forestry and streetscape beautification for Zionsville

- Maintain the town's Tree City designation
- Act as liaison on street tree plantings
- Identify areas for additional urban forestry
- Develop a Community Service Day
- Work with Town and others for management of planting beds
- Public education. E.g. Home owners associations, service clubs etc

Greta believes that we are active in all 6 areas.

The group was reminded that we can only advocate and educate, but we have no budget and no powers of enforcements

2. Initiatives and committee responsibilities

Committee members each accepted responsibility for the following

- Ordinances and preservation _ Mervyn. Need to become aware of all relevant ordinances, compliance and need for new regulations
- Events (tree-planting day, Z'Greenfest) – Nancy. In the past we have been part of Earth Day and tree planting day
- Tree City designation – possibly being done by Lance Lantz
- Outreach - Greta
- Beautification – Tom

3. Zionsville Gateway Project

Amy will discuss with Deputy Mayor Julie Johns-Cole the potential for PZAZ having some official input, as an organization, into the Gateway Project.

4. Overlap with other town I committees and boards .

Tom expressed the need to resolve many potential overlaps that we have with many other town boards and committees. Amy is planning a strategic meeting for September that will bring together different boards, committees and commissions. She will include PZAZ. Our committee should define its objectives before the strategic meeting.

5. The official regulations for PZAZ.

BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS CREATED BY TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE

People of Zionsville for Aesthetics of Zionsville ("PZAZ") of the Town of Zionsville, Boone County, Indiana

Elected/Appointed by the full Town Council

Powers and Duties PZAZ (People of Zionsville for the Aesthetics of Zionsville) is a volunteer group promoting urban forestry & streetscape beautification.

Members Five (5) members to include one member of the Town Council who shall serve as an ex-officio member.

Term of Office 1 year

6. Memorial for PZAZ Founder Lana Funkhouser.

Amy will discuss with Deputy Mayor Julie Johns-Cole the possibility of having a small memorial in the Plaza adjacent to the Town Hall. This could be a memorial tree

7. Next meeting

The group agreed that we should invite an expert from the DNR to our next meeting, to discuss issues such as relevant ordinances appropriate and invasive tree species, tree inventories and management plans.

The next meeting date is still to be arranged. Each of us should send Greta dates and days for which we are not available for future meetings. The meeting adjourned at 9:05am.

Submitted by Mervyn Cohen

Determination of the need for an electronic meeting will be evaluated prior to the meeting and final notice will be posted in compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law.