

CITY AND PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION AGENDA
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
6:00 P.M. – WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 2020
ZOOM-BASED VIDEO CONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00pm the meeting was called to order

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Members Present: Jim Oda, Joe Wilson, Gary Koenig, Eddie Harvey

City Commission Members Present: Kazy Hinds, Kris Lee, Cindy Pearson, Thomas Fogt, Chris Grissom

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the prospect of allowing backyard poultry raising

Thomas Fogt began the discussion by stating that he has had Piqua residents reach out to him concerning their interest in raising chickens within city limits. He noted that he has done some research and has spoken with other municipalities and their code enforcement on the topic. He discussed that owning chickens is not an inexpensive hobby.

Kyrsten French, City Planner, discussed that she has also done research from a planning perspective. She has spoken with other municipalities and the general trend is capping the number of chickens per lot size, not allowing roosters, requirements on enclosures, permit requirements, as well as addressing slaughtering and the sale of chickens. Other things to consider are complaints from neighbors and how to make it fair to permit for all city land owners.

Board Members noted that there are several concerning factors such as CDC advised health related risks, smells, recommended distances from home and lot lines, and also property values.

It was noted that there are salmonella and other livestock courses offered online. A house bill was discussed that proposes allowing an owner of residential property to keep small livestock on the property with certain restrictions.

Board members also discussed the potential benefits of owning chickens. Fresh eggs, family skills, and creating community in a neighborhood were some of the items noted.

The concept of forming a chicken co-op was discussed. As the code is currently written, this would be allowed in any lot that is at least five acres in size and 1,000 feet from any other residence.

Board members ended the meeting by deciding to do additional research on chicken co-op examples in other communities. The topic of backyard poultry raising will be revisited at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other questions, comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 P.M.

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Attending the meeting to prepare the meeting minutes provided was Bethany Harp, City of Piqua Development Department. Comments requesting corrections, additions or deletions to the content of this record should be directed to Ms. Harp at bharp@piquaoh.org.