

City of Springboro
320 West Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio 45066
Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Becky Iverson called the Springboro Planning Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by video conference.

Present: Mark Davis, Chris Pearson, Robert Dimmitt, John Sillies, Becky Iverson and Becky Hartle.

Staff: Dan Boron, City Planner; Chad Dixon, City Engineer; Ann Burns, Planning Commission Secretary. Also present was Norm Cox, The Greenway Collaborative

Mr. Dimmitt motioned to excuse Mr. Harding. Ms. Hartle seconded the motion.

Vote: Iverson, yes; Pearson, yes; Sillies, yes, Davis, yes; Hartle, yes; Iverson, yes (6-0)

II. Approval of Minutes

A. May 27, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes

Ms. Iverson asked for corrections or additions to the minutes.

There were none.

Mr. Pearson motioned to approve the May 27, 2020 Planning Commission minutes as submitted. Mr. Dimmitt seconded the motion.

Vote: Pearson, yes; Davis, yes; Sillies, yes. Dimmitt, yes; Iverson, yes; Hartle; yes. (6-0)

B. June 10, 2020 Planning Commission Work Session Minutes

Mr. Dimmitt motioned to approve the June 10, 2020 Work Session minutes as submitted. Ms. Hartle seconded the motion.

Vote: Davis, yes; Sillies, yes. Dimmitt, yes; Iverson, yes; Hartle; yes, Pearson, yes (6-0)

III. Agenda Items

A. Approval of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Draft Report

Background Information & Staff Comments

City staff is requesting that the Planning Commission approve a recommendation to City Council to adopt the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan with amendments. The plan report paper copy distributed prior to the June 10th work session is still current less the amendments listed here.

The plan can be found at <https://walkbike.info/springboro/plan/>. This item that was reviewed at the June 10th work session. The amendments are as follows:

Amendment #1. During the June 10th work session review, a recommendation was made to amend the policy "Establish Citizen Support Groups" on page 55 to incorporate adoption and friends of programs to capitalize on the interest shown by companies located in Springboro on the proposed trails. The following text is recommend for that policy:

Establish Citizen Support Groups

For natural area preservation work, specialized bicycle facilities, and trails, establish citizen and corporate "adoption" and "friends of" programs to help improve and maintain the parks and facilities. The City should promote and recognize these groups and provide the volunteers and organizations with the tools and resources they require for their volunteer efforts.

Amendment #2. The second amendment is in part an infrastructure recommendations carried over from the 2013 plan. On Lytle-Five Points Road, adding crosswalks with Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs), the same crossing designs as those installed on South Main Street at the Market Street and South Street intersections was recommended in the May 15th draft report for the intersection of Country Club Lane, and coincides with the resurfacing/restriping project on Lytle-Five Points Road east of the Settlers Walk subdivision that will occur shortly.

The recommendation is to add two additional RRFB crossings to the west. The first is at Tanglewood Lane/Great Oak Drive, a proposal that was in the 2013 plan but was left off the 2020 plan to this point in time. This proposal would be beneficial in connecting Settlers Walk to the signed bike route on Tanglewood Lane that connects ultimately to SR 741. The second RRFB crossing is new and is proposed for the Settlers Walk Boulevard/Innsbruck Lane intersection. Again, this change would improve connections between Settlers Walk and areas to the south by way of Woodland Greens Boulevard. The amendment would read as follows:

On Lytle-Five Points Road, add crosswalks with Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs) at the intersections with Tanglewood Drive/Great Oak Drive and Settlers Walk Blvd/Innsbrook Lane. This change would be reflected on pages 39-41, and on the large Proposed Network & Plan map.

Staff Recommendation

City staff recommends approval of a recommendation to adopt the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, May 15, 2020 draft with the amendments discussed above

Discussion:

Mr. Boron briefly reviewed the minor changes recommended by Norm Cox at the last work session meeting. One is a revision on page 55 regarding the adoption of "friends of" programs as part of the recreational trails within parks and other facilities of the plan recommendations. He explained the other amendment the recommendation for two (2) additional crossing with flashing beacons on Lytle-Five Points Road. One is already shown in the plan at Greenleaf Village, staff is recommending additional

locations at the Great Oak Drive/Tanglewood Drive and also Settlers Walk Boulevard/Innsbrook Lane intersections.

This recommendation will be forwarded to City Council at their July 2nd meeting for adoption.

Mr. Pearson thought these were good revisions, noting that the crossing Lytle-Five Points Road can be difficult at times.

Ms. Iverson thanked staff as well as Norm Cox for all their work on this plan and is very pleased that Springboro is bike and pedestrian friendly.

Ms. Iverson asked for a motion to approve the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Draft Report

Mr. Davis motioned to approve. Ms. Hartle seconded the motion.

Vote: Pearson, yes; Davis, yes; Sillies, yes. Dimmitt, yes; Iverson, yes; Hartle; yes, (6-0)

IV. Guest Comments

There were no guest comments.

V. Planning Commission and Staff Comments

Mr. Boron noted that Mr. Cox would be attending the City Council meeting on July 2nd to present the plan recommendations and to address any questions that could come up.

Mr. Boron reported there are currently two agenda items for the July 8th Planning Commission meeting, which will still be conducted as a Zoom meeting. There will also be a staff recommendation on the combine meeting text amendment. The packets will be distributed on Thursday, July 2nd due to the observed July 4th holiday and City offices being closed July 3rd.

Mr. Davis asked if the possible combined meetings is one of the agenda items for next time.

Mr. Boron confirmed that is the text amendment he was referring to.


Adjournment

Mr. Davis motioned to adjourn the June 24, 2020 Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 6:11 p.m. Ms. Hartle seconded the motion.

Vote: Pearson, yes; Davis, yes; Sillies, yes. Dimmitt, yes; Iverson, yes; Hartle; yes, (6-0)



Becky Iverson, Planning Commission Chairperson



Dan Boron, Planning Consultant



Ann Burns, Planning Commission Secretary