**BARTON HILLS VILLAGE**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**November 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of the BHV Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Caldwell at Walter Esch Hall at 6:06 PM.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Commissioners Caldwell, Hensinger, MacKrell, and Weingartner. Absent: Commissioners Hanley, Richards, and Wallace.

Others present: Randy Perry, Dennis Capozza, and one resident.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting were approved as printed. **(Weingartner/Hensinger/P unanimously)**

**ROSKAMP RETAINING WALLS** The BHV Trustees approved the proposed landscape/retaining walls at their regular meeting on September 11, 2023 contingent on the outcome of Planning Commission review (since the original build plans were reviewed/approved by the Commission in 2019 due to the house exceeding 10,000 square feet). Following discussion, the proposed landscape/retaining walls at 525 Hillspur Road were approved as presented. (**Weingartner/Mackrell/P unanimously)**

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** None.

**REPORTS** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Tree Regulation Mr. Caldwell shared that the Proposed Tree Protection Ordinance was not supported by the BHV Board of Trustees. The draft will be kept by Deputy Clerk if needed to be discussed again in the future.

Steep Slopes Mr. Hensinger presented a short document that generally outlines preservation of steep slopes, similar to the Township’s Steep Slope Ordinance.

--Should this document be used as a guideline, or do we refer people to the Township?

--Township enforces their ordinance within the Village, but the Township Building Inspector does not patrol the Village regularly (needs to be notified of concerns).

--Steep slope protections are crucial since usually at the bottom of a steep slope is a waterway. Ultimately, we are protecting waterways by protecting steep slopes.

--Mr. Hensinger continues to work on steep slopes. The Commissioners were encouraged to send their comments/suggestions to Mr. Hensinger.

Zoning Ordinance Suggestion of a short-term rental ordinance.

**New Business** The next meeting of the Planning Commission was set for Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. **(Mackrell/Weingartner/P unanimously)**

Lacey R. Krecko, Assistant Secretary