

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday April 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm via Zoom. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Gary Osborne, Brad King, Joe Penny, Gayle Wilhelmi, and resident Rick Farrow. The minutes from the February meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Gary made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe seconded and the motion was passed.

New Business: Rick Farrow, 4312 Lowe Rd., would like to extend his privacy fence 20' towards Westfield Rd. He consulted the Cambridge Board to make sure there were no impediments for this project. He stated that the new section would be a privacy fence of approximately 5 ½ ft to 6 ft in height, with the last 12 inches being of a lattice decorative design. Rick met with Joe earlier this month to explain his plans. Joe took photos that he emailed to Board members which showed the location and gave all a visual idea of the project. Rick assured the Board that the "nice" side of the privacy fence would be facing outward, and that there would not be a gate in the new section. Sherry pulled up the Cambridge ordinance on fences just to review the wording. Since the property faces Lowe Rd., the area in question is the backyard of the residence. Because Rick does not need a permit for the installation he does not need a Letter of Compliance from the Board. Sherry encouraged him to speak with his neighbors to let them know of his plans. Rick exited the Zoom meeting after he was satisfied that the project was not going to be opposed by the City. After some further discussion, it was felt that our ordinance on fences needs to be amended to include height requirements and a clarification of what constitutes an "open" construction.

The PVA is still in the process of reassessing property in our area so they have been unable to provide Sherry with the figures necessary for Cambridge to base a new tax rate or budget for next fiscal year. They should be ready by the next meeting in May.

Gayle reported that a resident of Green Pine neighborhood on Lowe Rd. told her that they have heard the empty nursing home property (formerly Regis Woods) had a developer interested in building a four story apartment complex on the site. They had a group that is opposed to such a project. Sherry will check to see what the property is zoned for. Cambridge would join in an effort to thwart such a plan.

Old Business: Sam has started reworking the big island at the traffic light. The plants have all been removed and the new wall is up. Sherry will ask a plant nursery to come out and advice on replacement trees for Cambridge Rd. and the islands with a cost estimate.

Sherry reports that all rental fees and business license fees have been paid for this year.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned around 6:45pm. The next meeting will be May 21, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,