



**City of Willowick  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Monday, May 08, 2023 at 7:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

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**MINUTES**

**Call meeting to order**

Chairman Carden called the May 8th, 2023 Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Chairman Carden

Mr. Houry

Mr. Hren

Mr. Foisel

Ms. Raymond

Mr. Urwin

Mr. Fortney

**ALSO PRESENT**

Law Director Landgraf

Councilman Phares

**Approval of Minutes**

Planning Commission Minutes - April 10th, 2023

Motion made to approve the April 10th, 2023, Planning Commission minutes by Mr. Foisel, Seconded by Mr. Houry.

Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Houry, Mr. Hren, Mr. Foisel, Ms. Raymond, Mr. Urwin, Mr. Fortney

**Development & Plan Review Committee**

No Report.

**Rules Committee**

No Report.

**City Engineer's Report – Mr. McLaughlin**

No Report.

**Law Director's Report – Ms. Landgraf**

No Report.

**Architectural Review Board**

No Report.

**Community Reinvestment Area – Mr. Carden**

No Report.

**Public Hearings**

None.

**Public Portion**

Public portion was opened and closed at 7:32pm.

**Remarks – Old Business**

Councilman Phares asked if there were any further discussions regarding limiting used car lots on Vine Street as well as the re-zoning of Euclid Avenue. Chairman Carden advised that other than email correspondence there has not been.

**Remarks – New Business**

St. Mary Magdalene - 31st Annual Homecoming Festival

Rosemarie Sisler was present representing St. Mary Magdalene as the Parish Secretary and the festival Co-Chair. Ms. Sisler advised that she has had several meetings with Mayor Vanni, the Police department as well as the Fire department regarding the upcoming festival. There was some discussion regarding the situation that took place at last year's festival, she advised the board that the situation was due to a tick tock social media "challenge" and many festivals and amusement parks had the same or similar situations take place. Mr. Sisler was also present representing St. Mary Magdalene who stated that St. Pascal's was able to get ahead of the tick tock challenge so that the same situation did not take place at their festival.

Chairman Carden stated that after reviewing the submitted paperwork he noticed there will not be any rides at the festival this year, Ms. Sisler stated that, that is correct. Ms. Raymond stated that she didn't believe that the rides were the culprit off the issues that took place last year. They have also shortened their festival hours. Ms. Sisler advised the board that she has been working with Officer Lawrence who is on the festival committee board as a representative of the police department, to be as prepared as possible for the upcoming festival. Mr. Foisel stated that he did speak with Officer Lawrence prior to this meeting regarding safety. Chairman Carden asked if there will be extra officers on site, Ms. Sisler stated that there would be the same number of officers as last year and there was some discussion regarding the placement of the officers on the outside and inside of the church as they are bringing back Monte Carlo and feel police presence on the inside of the church is beneficial. Ms. Sisler advised the board that this year officers will a command station on site.

Ms. Raymond asked why the church decided to get rid of the rides, Ms. Sisler stated that the city advised them to do so and unfortunately with doing so Bates will not be bringing games or food to the festival this year either. She advised that this year they will have parish games, food, Monte Carlo, raffles, band

entertainment and a car show. Ms. Raymond stated that the rides could be revisited in the future on how to bring them back in the future.

It was asked if there was the option to have the requirement of kids under a certain age requiring a chaperone to attend the festival, Ms. Sisler stated while that was something that was discussed it is not something they are able to do, they would at that point have to have only one entrance to the festival which would limit the access for emergency responders if needed.

There was discussion regarding the closure of E. 321st street, volunteers having the ability to park on one side of the street that would allow the other side of the street open for emergency personal as well as the closure of Knobel road due to the residents that live on that street not being able to use their driveways because people attending the festival block resident driveways. There was further discussion as to how to keep track of the vehicles going down Knobel, to identify which vehicles are residents of the street.

Motion made to approve St. Mary Magdalene's 31st Annual Homecoming Festival pending police approval regarding the closure of E. 321st with emergency vehicle access and the closure of Knobel road with local traffic only access by Mr. Foisel, Seconded by Mr. Hren.

Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Houry, Mr. Hren, Mr. Foisel, Ms. Raymond, Mr. Urwin, Mr. Fortney

### **Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn the May 8th, 2023, Planning Commission meeting at 8:08pm by Mr. Foisel, Seconded by Mr. Houry.

Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Houry, Mr. Hren, Mr. Foisel, Ms. Raymond, Mr. Urwin, Mr. Fortney