

Village of Misenheimer
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2025

Board Members Present: Jeff Watson, Chairman
Jon Byers
Emily Carella
Jamie Hammill
Lane Peeler, Vice-Chairman

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator

Visitors: Joe Bahr-Pfeiffer University Facilities
Operations Director,
Travis Preslar-NCDOT Engineer-Division Projects Team
Leader,
Lee Snuggs – Director of Rocky River Rural Planning
Organization – arrived at 6:16 pm

Alternates Present: Michael Herron, Peter Edquist

Board Members Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Jeff Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Ethics Statement: Anita Blair read the Ethics Statement asking if any Board members present may have any potential conflict(s) of interest or any known or perceived conflict(s) of interest related to the meeting Agenda presented. No conflicts were noted.

3. Introduction of Visitors: Chairman Watson welcomed all persons in attendance.

4. Approval of 01/02/2025 Planning Board Agenda: Jamie Hammill moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Jon Byers seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5 /0 vote.

5. Approval of 01/04/2024 Minutes: Jamie Hammill moved to accept the Planning Board minutes from the 01/04/2024 Planning Board meeting as presented. Jon Byers seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5/0.

6. Public Comment Period: No public comments were offered.

7. Proposed Roundabout Discussion & Recommendation

Pfeiffer University – Joe Bahr, Facilities Operations Director at Pfeiffer University presented concerns about the proposed roundabout. The entrance to Judy Hash Lane, which is the direct route to dorms and classrooms, would be closed when traveling North from Richfield. Mr. Bahr suggested realigning and adding another leg to the roundabout to accommodate Judy Hash Lane. He also expressed concern over the aesthetics of the roundabout. He stated the roundabout is not solving the traffic problem on campus. The University's preference would be for Gray Stone to have access from the back side of their campus. The only problem the roundabout would solve is Police Safety which would eliminate the need to direct traffic.

NCDOT/RRRPO: Other suggestions by the Planning Board Members were made. Travis Preslar explained that a new funding request would be needed if the project changed from a roundabout. He also did not know, without further research, the financial impact of adding a fourth leg. He also stated that the money source has a sunset.

Lee Snuggs arrived at this time 6:16 pm.

Jamie Hammill moved to continue researching and proceed with the roundabout, adding a 4th leg to accommodate Judy Hash Lane, and to bring back future NCDOT recommendations as soon as possible. Jon Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/1 with Lane Peeler opposing.

Travis Preslar offered to stake and paint the circle to give everyone a clearer picture.

8. Planning Board Meetings for 2025: Jamie Hammill made a motion adopt the Planning Board Meeting schedule except for moving the July 3rd meeting to July 10th. Jon Byers seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

9. Other Business: No other business was heard.

10. Adjournment: The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Chairman or Vice Chairman

Date

Anita E. Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date