

PUBLIC HEARING

April 16, 2012

The April 16, 2012 Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, President. City Council members present were Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, Bill Thornton, and Evie Hall-Case.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Misty Droll; Mark Droll; Pat Droll; Kristy Swartz; Megan Rhodes; Louanne Hufford; Thelma Fox; Barbara Flood; Christa Shasteen; Jan Stoneburner; Kelle Saull; Fred Smith; Jeanette Smith; Marion Karg; Roxy Karg; Linda Kauble; Shelley Thornton; Angie Conley; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this public hearing was to allow public input on a special use permit request to allow Mrs. Misty Droll to open a Child Visitation Center at 445 North Sandusky Avenue.

Mrs. Misty Droll explained that the special use permit is being requested to open a child visitation center where supervised visitations will take place and the exchange of children between parents will occur. It was noted that supervised visitations for local residents are currently taking place in other counties and the exchange of children between parents is currently taking place at the Police Department or in restaurant parking lots. The hours of operation would be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the majority of the visitations and exchanges to take place between 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Droll noted that no more than two visitations would be scheduled at one time. Mrs. Droll indicated that she has also been approached about the possibility of teaching a Strengthening Family Class that are six week courses held one night per week twice per year; and also teaching Parenting Classes. These classes could have up to ten (10) to twelve (12) people attending. Mrs. Droll stated that parking is available along the street and in the driveway, and adjacent neighbors have offered to allow parking on their properties for the staff, and the possibility of adding three to four parking spaces in the rear yard of the property is being explored.

Ms. Roxy Karg reviewed the general requirements for special use permits as contained in Section 1123.04 of the City's Building and Zoning regulations. Ms. Karg expressed concerns about parking and increased traffic in the area.

Mrs. Kelle Saull explained that currently parents have to travel to Tiffin for supervised visitations and there are very strict rules and policies for these visitations.

Mrs. Thelma Fox indicated that she purchased the home at 445 North Sandusky Avenue and is donating it for the special use permit purpose described by Mrs. Droll. Mrs. Fox noted that if the special use permit request is not granted for this property the home will be turned into a residential rental property. Mrs. Fox stated that the special use permit being requested meets a need in this community.

Mrs. Barb Flood stated that she runs a Child Visitation Center in Tiffin and that the Wyandot County Court is requiring parents to go to Tiffin or Bucyrus for this service. Mrs. Flood noted that violent encounters have not occurred at the facility she runs due to policies and rules in place.

Mr. Mark Droll indicated that many members of the community have voiced their support of a local center to provide these services.

Mrs. Louanne Hufford noted that she is a court advocate and this service is necessary in this county. Mrs. Hufford stated that children should have the right to visit their parents in a safe healthy environment.

There being no further business, the President declared the hearing adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President

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The April 16, 2012 Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, President. City Council members present were Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, Bill Thornton, and Evie Hall-Case.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; E. Michael Pfeifer; John Frederick; Janet Wobser; David Wobser; Jan Stoneburner; Marion Karg; Roxy Karg; Linda Kauble; Shelley Thornton; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this public hearing was to allow public input on a petition filed to vacate an unimproved street and alley located within the City.

Attorney E. Michael Pfeifer described the location of the requested street and alley vacation noting that the area is east of South Fourth Street, north of East Crawford Street, and south of the railroad tracks. Mr. Pfeifer noted that there are no utilities involved in the street or alley requested for vacation.

Mr. Ellis explained how the properties to be vacated will be divided by the adjacent property owners.

There being no further business, the President declared the hearing adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President

CITY COUNCIL

April 16, 2012

The April 16, 2012 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council member present were Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, Chad Smith, Don Spiegel, Scot Swinehart, Bill Thornton, and Evie Hall-Case.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; E. Michael Pfeifer; John Frederick; Janet Wobser; David Wobser; Misty Droll; Mark Droll; Thelma Fox; Jan Stoneburner; Marion Karg; Roxy Karg; Linda Kauble; Shelley Thornton; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the April 2, 2012 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the April 2, 2012 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 2, 2012 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 2, 2012 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 9, 2012 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

City Council members discussed the special use permit request from Mrs. Misty Droll to open a Child Visitation Center at 445 North Sandusky Avenue as reviewed in the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hall-Case, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the special use permit request from Mrs. Misty Droll to open a Child Visitation Center at 445 North Sandusky Avenue. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. McColly	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mr. Smith	-	Yes
Mr. Spiegel	-	Yes
Mr. Swinehart	-	Yes
Mr. Thornton	-	Abstain
Mrs. Hall-Case	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote.

Discussion was held concerning the street and alley vacation request reviewed in the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting. City Council members agreed that an ordinance should be drafted and presented at the May 7, 2012 City Council meeting to address the street and alley vacation.

Mr. Roberts stated that he was approached by a resident concerning the levy that was built north of Stepping Stones Park on land not located within the City along the east side of the Sandusky River. Mr. Roberts has contacted the State and inquired if the necessary permits were obtained for this levy and he is currently waiting on a response. Mayor Washburn noted that he will also contact the State concerning this matter.

Mrs. Hall-Case noted that she received a complaint concerning the flag located at the Verizon store located at 104 South Sandusky Avenue. Mayor Washburn will discuss this issue with Mr. Ken McMillan, Zoning Inspector.

It was noted that spring clean up is next week and there will not be any recycling pick up next week.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President