

## OXFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

JULY 7, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Planning Commission was called to order by the Chairman, David Baker, on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., via "Zoom" due to the on-going pandemic of a virus known as Covid-19.

Other members participating in the virtual meeting included members James Reed, Edwin Miller, Steve Mroczek, and Bruce Beglin. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Cheryl Lewis.

The minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2020 were approved and accepted as distributed.

There were no building permits for review.

### NEW BUSINESS

The commission discussed the proposed Ordinance No. 2006, entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO AMEND SECTION 32.12 OF THE OXFORD ZONING ORDINANCE ENTITLED "FENCES" TO ELIMINATE THE ABILITY TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES HIGHER THAN THE HEIGHT ESTABLISHED BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE.** Mr. Miller spoke stating that if someone wanted to construct a fence in excess of 4', they would need to go before the Board of Appeals for a variance and in order to satisfy the Board of Appeals to grant a variance, they would have to prove a hardship. He questioned if that would impose a bigger burden on future applicants who wanted a 6' fence. Chairman Baker responded that it probably would but that one could seek a variance if one truly had a problem that would require a taller fence than the allowable 4' fencing. Mr. Mroczek added that it should be hard as that was the intention of the ordinance, unlike the current situation of having it fall under a special exception. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Miller in which he moved that the Oxford Planning Commission recommend to the Commissioners that the modification of Section 32.12 be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mroczek and unanimously carried by all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby  
Assistant Clerk