

The Town of Fenwick Island

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING April 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Town Hall Minutes

Members Present: Natalie Magdeburger, Susan Brennan (via Zoom), Ann Riley (via Zoom), Lois Twilley

Others Present: Erin Ellinger

Call to Order at 1:18 PM

1. Discuss/approve minutes from meeting held March 13, 2025, meeting

A MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025, meeting.

Moved by: Natalie Magdeburger Seconded by: Lois Twilley

MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Old Business:

Updates on 2025 Summer Kickoff "Cruisin' Together in Fenwick" being held on May 31, 9:00 – 11:00 at Town Hall

- The details have been distributed to all committee chairs, with an invitation to promote any upcoming events they may be hosting.
- Winnie Lewis will share information about the lighthouse.
- Donated refreshments will be provided
- Lois arranged for the Yacht Club to join, and they wish to have relevant information available at the event.
- The event will be promoted in the Mayor's Message, on Facebook, on the Town's website, and discussed during the Town Council meeting.
- Advertising will include the message that participation is open even for those who
 do not ride a bike.
- Representatives from DarkSky and the Environmental Committee will be present.
- Chief Morrissey will display information on pedestrian safety.



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Additional Discussions:

- Two issues were raised by the Business Concerns Committee regarding the key fob
 business promotion idea and employee parking. Kurt Zanelotti suggested that a business
 helping business approach would be the best solution.
- The upcoming discussions in the C&O Committee include the election cycle charter change and an ordinance to facilitate exchanges of money under the business helping business plan.

Committee Reports:

- Lois mentioned that she will provide the Business Concerns Committee report.
- Susan recommended that liaisons review the list of suggestions, evaluate one year's worth of reports objectively, and consider any relevant recommendations.
- The commissioners expressed pride in the progress and accomplishments of the committees, noting that operations are running smoothly.

Looking Ahead:

- The Commission will present committee recommendations to the Council in July, with the goal of implementing them in the Fall. Susan will also draft the letter to the state.
- The Municipal Comprehensive Land Use Plan Annual Report is scheduled for release early next month.

New Business:

- One spot is available on the commission. Natalie inquired if anyone knows a potential candidate, possibly from the business community, to fill the vacancy. She will propose renewing her term along with Julie Lee's at the upcoming council meeting.
- Natalie requested that the Commission review the current committees to assess whether
 any could be dissolved, noting that organizing and running meetings requires significant
 staff time, and many meetings fail to reach a quorum. She emphasized that committees



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should be task-oriented, yet some are not progressing toward actionable goals. In some cases, committees may be better served by merging with others.

4. Public Participation:

None

5. Meeting Adjourn:

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Ann Riley Seconded by: Lois Twilley

MOTION passed unanimously.

6. Next meeting: May 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- June 5
- June 26
- July 10
- July 17
- August 7
- August 14