

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting
Special Meeting
July 18, 2019

PRESENT: Mr. Forrest Greenwood
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter
Mrs. Dona Seger-Lawson
Mayor Michael Schweller

This is a summary of the City Council Special Meeting held on July 18, 2019 to discuss the recommendations delivered from consultant Jeff Siegler. Also present were members of various boards including the Village Review Board, Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals/Property Review Commission. There were not enough members of any of the boards to constitute a quorum. There were also two citizens in attendance – Doug Johnson and Ernie Havens.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Mayor Schweller.

Consultant Jeff Siegler of Revitalize or Die discussed how downtown Bellbrook got to the point in which it is currently. He contributed it to the sprawl economy.

Mr. Siegler then discussed how policies could be changed to promote development. Any current parking requirements should be looked at and reconsidered. Any restrictions on the downtown should not be too prescriptive.

Mayor Schweller asked if Article 14 was reviewed. Mr. Siegler stated that he did not look at article 14 in particular. There was discussion on striking a balance with the ordinance and to make changes that are appropriate.

Mr. Siegler noted that a vacant property registry and associated legislation could assist in minimizing the number of vacant properties in the downtown. Revitalization comes down to real estate and the need for quality spaces for businesses to occupy. Discussion occurred around vacant property legislation and property owner rights.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.



Michael W. Schweller, Mayor



Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council