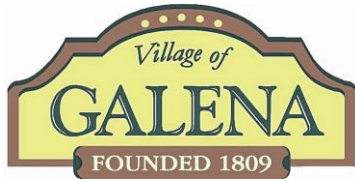


## **Village seeks comprehensive plan**

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GALENA — Here are highlights of recent Planning and Zoning Commission meetings in the village.

### **Planning and Zoning**

- The Oct. 17 meeting had interim Zoning Inspector Alison Cherubini-Hillyer presenting a comprehensive plan for the village on behalf of Neighborhood Strategies, whom she's met with several times.

The plan addresses current land use, future land use, annexation strategy, land conservation, economic development policy and infrastructure.

Galena Mayor Jeff Kinnell "stressed the importance of a plan due to the competitive environment for growth," meeting minutes said. "Landowners can decide who they annex to. He noted that if the Village does not have a strong strategy, then we will be left out of conversations altogether. Mayor Kinnell stressed the importance of the sewer plant for future development. Noting that there are provisions in the Ohio revised code for developing partnerships. The Village has asked this firm to help think of the best path forward. Mayor Kinnell noted that having a joint development partnership would be ideal."

- Four public variance hearings took place on the morning of Nov. 8. First was Miller Farm section one, consisting of 32 residential homes. Cherubini-Hillyer recommended approval, and Village Engineer Mark Ruffner "made note that the permanent reference monuments have been addressed by surveyor."

The other three were for variances to different homes on North Walnut Street. P&Z unanimously approved all four applications.

- The next regular meeting was Nov. 20, where Romanelli & Hughes had a concept plan for Arrowhead Golf Course, and Jim Lenner gave an update on Neighborhood Strategies' Comprehensive Plan. See next week's Gazette for more details.

- The final P&Z meeting of the year was Dec. 18, which included a zoning request and an executive session on the agenda.

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of interim Village Zoning Inspector Alison Cherubini-Hillyer, Pete Cassuccio, Seth Everitt, Mike Fry, Zoning Clerk Lauren Frank and Galena Mayor Jeff Kinnell. They typically meet at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 109 Harrison St., Galena.

Galena Village Council consists of Mayor Jeff Kinnell, Pete Casuccio, Gillian Doucette, Mike Fry, Zach Hopper, President Kathy Krupa, and Josh Porter. Also attending are Fiscal Officer Michelle Dearth, Solicitor Ken Molnar or Chip Welch, Maintenance Director Ted Roshon, and Wastewater Director Brian Rammelsberg. They typically meet at 6 p.m. in council chambers of the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., Galena (also available on Zoom).

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