

*City of Napoleon, Ohio*  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm  
**PC 20-06 – PRELIMINARY PLAT OF DEVELOPMENT**

**PRESENT**

Board Members	Jason Maassel, Suzette Gerken
Board Members on WebEx	Tim Barry-Chairman, Larry Vocke, Marvin Barlow
City Staff	Kevin Schultheis-Code Enforcement/Interim Zoning Administrator Joel Mazur-City Manager
Admin. Asst. to Appointing Authority/Clerk of Council	Roxanne Dietrich
Others on WebEx	Brooke Gray

**ABSENT**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Maassel called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 5:04 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes from the March 31, 2020 Special Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented.

**PC 20-06 BACKGROUND**

Schultheis read the background. An application for a Public Hearing has been filed by Brooke Gray/Northwest Ohio Cremation Center and Precious Paws Pet Cremation, 1010 Westmoreland Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio. The applicant is requesting the approval of a Preliminary Plat of Development. The request is pursuant to Chapter 1141 of the Codified Ordinances of Napoleon, Ohio. The property is in an I-1 Enclosed Industrial Zoning District.

**RESEARCH AND FINDINGS**

Schultheis stated basically what Mr. Gray is looking for is a crematory which is under the cemetery definition. The cemetery definition requires 5 acres and Mr. Gray is asking for a 3-acre plot. Maassel asked this is for pets? Schultheis said it's for pets Mazur interjected it's for both. Gray said *that's correct* and explained. The purpose is after construction the building will have two separate entry points. One is to be for pets cremated and the other side would be for humans. Napoleon Veterinary Clinic is the adjacent property and in talking with them they had this parcel available and are working with me. That is why I'm doing this request to have access and utilize the 3-acres. Maassel questioned a crematorium is in an I-1? Schultheis replied yes, it fits the category in I-1. Barry asked if it is going to be just a crematorium or will there also be burial plots out there? Gray responded no burial. There will be a scattering area or garden for pets that families no longer want. Barry asked if there are any certain setbacks that the building will need to adhere to, will it be similar to what Pampered Pets has over there? Schultheis said yes, they will have to follow the standards and setbacks as required in the zoning ordinances. Barlow asked this is for pets, correct? Gray said it will be for human and also pets. The way we are going to have it set up, the building is going to have two separate entry ways. So one would be an access way for humans and the other would be for pets. Schultheis said he did some research and the discharge output is far less than most factories in the area.

