



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Celske called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Dan Celske and members McLaughlin, O'Meara and Riley. Also present were Village President Nunamaker and Assistant to the Village Administrator Bechler. Members Cramer, Drage and Hartshorn were absent. Resident Rich Murren was in attendance.

ZONING CASE 2019-05: 1003 ROUTE 22, VARIANCE

Chairman Celske opened the public hearing for zoning case 2019-05. The Petitioner was absent.

The public hearing for zoning case 2019-05 was closed at 7:04 p.m.

ZONING CASE 2019-06: TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Chairman Celske opened the public hearing for zoning case 2019-06. Assistant to the Village Administrator Bechler explained that the Village restricts certain types of fences dependent on what the fence is intended to enclose, or to which yard the fence is adjacent. The proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance would allow all fence types in rear yards and interior side yards, subject to the existing six (6) foot height limitation. President Nunamaker clarified that limiting fences to the board on board style had been intended to assist with the passage of light from one side to another while facilitating privacy and pet control.

Member McLaughlin asked if the Zoning Ordinance contains a definition for fence. He was informed that it does.

Member Riley inquired why solid fences weren't previously allowed. Assistant to the Village Administrator Bechler responded that the decision had been made several years prior, presumably based on the logic President Nunamaker had previously referenced.

Resident Murren commented that the Village should mandate that all fence posts must utilize treated wood. President Nunamaker asked Mr. Murren if high wind affected the stability of solid fences.

A MOTION was made by McLaughlin and seconded by O'Meara to make recommendation for approval of the text amendment as presented. A voice vote was taken. Celske—yes, McLaughlin—yes, O'Meara—yes, Riley—yes. Motion Passed.

The public hearing for zoning case 2019-06 was closed at 7:13 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Celske discussed the function and importance of the Comprehensive Plan. He requested that electronic and paper copies be provided to all Commission members. President Nunamaker emphasized the impact that it could have on potential new developments, and that the Commission undertaking an update of the Plan would allow for a new comprehensive vision for development in the Village.

Member McLaughlin asked if the goal of the undertaking is to refresh the Plan or replace it. President Nunamaker responded that he envisions a refresh—going through each section electronically at Commission meetings.

Member Riley inquired how updating the Plan is related to zoning, clarifying that it appeared the Commission's only input to the Plan would be roughly five pages. Member McLaughlin clarified that the role of the Plan is to provide justification for both the Zoning Ordinance and Village Code.

Member McLaughlin requested that staff send Commission members a memo highlighting what elected officials and staff believe are the issues that the Commission needs to examine as part of the process.

President Nunamaker provided an update on previously discussed development projects.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by O'Meara and seconded by Riley to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.