

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting
July 21, 2016 - 7:00 a.m.
Village Hall Conference Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	x
Todd Crockett, Trustee	x
Diane Dole, Trustee	
Tim Boyce, Village Trustee	
Joel Gesky, Village Trustee (7:08 am)	x
Wendell Phillips, Village Trustee	x
Other Attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Dir. Of Bldg/Zoning	x
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	x

Meeting was opened by Trustee Crockett at 7:00 a.m.

There was no Public Participation.

A quorum was not present, the minutes from April 21, 2016 could not be approved.

1. Sign Ordinance:

Mr. LaRocque asked Village Attorney, Joe Cainkar, to review village policy on temporary signage. Mr. Cainkar recommends that the policy that was approved by Resolution in 2011 be removed and that any changes be added to our current ordinance instead. The policy is probably too restrictive. The proposed changes will be brought before Plan Commission at a public hearing on August 9th. Mr. LaRocque presented the changes marked in red to the Committee.

The village has received an email concerning the school flags that the village has purchased. The request was to have the flags up during 5 listed MHS football games. Mayor Nugent stated that a policy for placement of the flags needs to be developed. Mayor Nugent will speak with Mr. Hanley, Superintendent of Public Works, concerning the length of time to put up and take down the flags and the total number of flags. The request will be discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting later this month.

Trustee Gesky entered the meeting at 7:08 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Todd Crockett to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting as presented. Seconded by Mayor Nugent. Voice vote - Ayes: Crockett, Phillips, Gesky and Nugent. Nays: None

Mr. LaRocque stated that area businesses have complied with the use of temporary signs. The village does look cleaner.

2. Accessory Structures/Buildings Revisions:

Mr. LaRocque would like to clarify the definitions of “accessory structures” and “accessory buildings” in the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Cainkar suggested that the issue go before the Plan Commission. A public hearing will be held on August 9th. There are no significant changes, just clarification on definitions.

3. ISO Rating:

Mr. LaRocque stated that the ISO rating is used in the insurance industry as a rating service. Numerous municipalities have stopped participating. Keslin Engineering has recommended that the village also not participate. The process is very time consuming.

4. Misc.:

- Nine (9) home permits have been issued this year
- Overall permits have increased by 50-60 over same time in 2015.
- Mowing on vacant or foreclosed properties is being completed, but with recent rains, there is some standing water.
- Mr. Frank Bradley, owner of The Enclave has been spoken to about the grass/weeds on his vacant lots.
- Bait boxes have been placed for the rats in the swale area of Malloy.
- Mr. Frost is still working with Mr. Swart concerning his property on North Oak Street. The village will continue to monitor the property for compliance on grass/weeds, trees and debris removal.

Mayor Nugent stated that the village has received an application for a Class C liquor license from Dos Amigos 2, 855 West Cook Street. There also was a verbal request for a Class C liquor license from Manteno Gardens, 315 N. Locust Street. There are no licenses available at this time. Mayor Nugent asked if the board would consider raising the number of licenses available. There were no comments against the idea. The proposal will be added to the Village Board agenda for Monday, August 1st.

Trustee Crockett stated he had spoken with a gentleman who is worked with a non-profit organization to obtain a grant for development of a biking path around the Cal-Sag channel. Trustee Crockett asked if the village could use this same type of funding for the paths that village is developing.

Mayor Nugent stated that the village does have a pending OSLAD grant at the state. This grant sounds similar to one Trustee Crockett spoke about. The state is not moving on any grants due to the state budget crisis.

Trustee Crockett will speak to the gentleman again concerning the type of grant he received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk