

PLANNING BOARD
APRIL 28, 2009
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Doug Jenco on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM. All members present.

Also present: Aimee Ingalls, Ed Graham, Rodney Tonelli and Paige from CenterPoint Properties

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 24, 2009 were presented. Motion was made by Floyd Garrett to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by James Bosonetta. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Text Amendment

Dray Storage Yard #1 and #2 – VASCOR, Ltd.

Motion was made by Leonard Pulaski to close Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Floyd Garrett. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wesley Winkler to recommend adopting of text amendment as proposed. Motion seconded by Stella Weisfus. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Public Hearing were taken by Court Reporter LeAnn Hibler. Minutes are attached.

DISCUSSION – PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR SIGN ORDINANCE

Rodney Tonelli – explained the purpose to change the ordinance. The Sign ordinance currently provides for a list of signs which are exempt from the ordinance. To address the concern regarding neon open signs being interpreted as prohibited, offer the following suggestion for review and consideration.

CURRENT TEXT

Informational sign such as “Business Hour” signs “help wanted” signs and “open-closed” signs not to exceed one square foot in area.

PROPOSED TEXT

Informational signs located within a storefront window or door:
“Business Hour” signs not to exceed one square foot
“Help Wanted” signs not to exceed one square foot
“Open/Closed” signs (including neon and LED) not to exceed four square feet in area

All signs are under four square feet. Need to consider clarifying blinking, flashing or constant light. No bare bulb signs, exception open sign neon or LED.

Leonard Pulaski – no other sign lighted, only open and closed.

Floyd Garrett – bare bulb confusing to neon sign.

Aimee Ingalls – open sign blinking?

Leonard Pulaski – prefer fixed, no blinking.

Stella Weisfus – do not like.

Rodney Tonelli – flashing already prohibited.

Aimee Ingalls – already covered scrolling, prohibited.

Rodney Tonelli – most signs are going to LED, a new technology.

Aimee Ingalls – definition in ordinance, bare bulb is a light bulb.

Rodney Tonelli – address open and closed sign, address at next meeting with a text amendment.

Aimee Ingalls – will have a Public Hearing next month for text amendment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Aimee Ingalls – an update on Gas City, still moving forward, will probably start in the fall. Need to re-plat sub-division for the right in and right out on Route 53.

Floyd Garrett – asked about the de-annexation with Hartz.

Ed Graham – when they de-annex, will leave the Village and go to the County. Process is still in litigation.

Leonard Pulaski – can we stop him?

Rodney Tonelli – through County zoning you have the right to file an objection, you are within a mile and half, they have to adhere to our standards. Utilities will be needed, will have to connect to our system, they cannot ignore you.

Leonard Pulaski – what is their point of de-annexing?

Doug Jenco asked about the cell tower off Tehle Road, bad spot for a cell tower.

That is unincorporated area, will need a special use permit from County.

Rodney Tonelli will check with Will County Planning.

Motion was made by Leonard Pulaski to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Wesley Winkler. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Pat Buchenau
Secretary