

*Village of Barrington
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes Summary*

Date: March 20, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Village Hall Board Library
200 South Hough Street
Barrington, Illinois

In Attendance: Harry Burroughs, Commissioner
Richard Ehrle, Commissioner
Todd Sholeen, Commissioner
Mike Ward, Commissioner
Jeff Anderson, Commissioner
Dan Hogan, Vice Chairperson
Anna Markley Bush, Chairperson

Staff Members: Jennifer Tennant, Zoning Coordinator
Jean Emerick, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chairperson Bush called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call noted the following: Harry Burroughs, present; Richard Ehrle, present; Dan Hogan, present; Todd Sholeen, present; Mike Ward, present; Jeff Anderson, present; Anna Markley Bush, Chairperson, present.

There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

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New Business

PC 12-02: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Violations and Penalties, and Signs

Applicant: Jeff Lawler, Village Manager
Village of Barrington
200 South Hough Street
Barrington, Illinois 60010

The Petitioner seeks approval of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Barrington for the purpose of amending Chapter 3 "Ordinance Administration" and Chapter 4 Part IV "Signs."

Jennifer Tennant, Zoning Coordinator, presented the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for the Village. She said this is a small amendment that has three components. The first component is modification to the penalty section of the Zoning Ordinance. The Village is in the process of implementing the administrative adjudication process. The Village will be issuing tickets and hearing cases at Village Hall. Everything should be consistent, so we will be removing the fines, the penalties, and the dollar amounts from the Zoning Ordinance and replacing them with references to the Village Code, so that both documents will not have to be amended every time there are changes. The second item involves the real estate signs and new construction signs. Property owners have said that the sign restrictions were prohibitive. Staff has explored other communities for reference. We will have three categories based on the size of the property. Each property will have no more than two signs. And lastly, there is a change in the illumination requirement for wall signs in the downtown area. We are proposing to loosen the regulations slightly. We will not allow box signs. We will allow backlit signs with individual letters. It will still fit in with character of the Village. It can give the businesses more visibility.

Commissioner Burroughs asked if the \$100 fine is per offense or per day.

Ms. Tennant said it is a per day offense. The hearing officer can reduce it to a flat \$100 fine. The fine can expand for repeat violators.

Commissioner Ehrle asked about the Garlands and what sized sign was eventually approved.

Ms. Tennant answered that the Garlands signs are each 96 square feet.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the amendment addresses the time the sign is up.

Ms. Tennant said there is a time limit in the ordinance that is not changing. Signs can remain until there is at least 75% occupancy.

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Hogan moved and Commissioner Ehrle seconded, to approve PC 12-02, a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Barrington for the purpose of amending Chapter 3 "Ordinance Administration" and Chapter 4 Part IV "Signs."

Roll call Vote: Mr. Burroughs, yes; Mr. Ehrle, yes; Mr. Hogan, yes; Mr. Sholeen, yes; Mr. Ward, yes; Mr. Anderson, yes; and Chairperson Bush, yes. The vote was 7 - 0; the motion carried.

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Approval of Minutes

January 10, 2012

Commissioner Hogan moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting as presented;

Commissioner Sholeen seconded the motion. Voice vote recorded all ayes. The minutes were approved.

Chairperson Bush said the Commission only has two items coming up, the Langendorf Park fields and the Hough/Main Redevelopment. The Hough/ Main project will take place in late summer or early fall. There will be more meetings. She asked that the plans go on the Village website.

Commissioner Sholeen mentioned that there were minutes, September 27, 2011 and December 13, 2011, to be approved on that last agenda that still need to be approved.

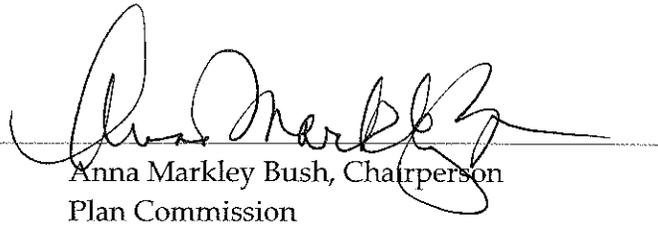
Ms. Tennant said she will put them on the next agenda for approval.

Planners Report

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairperson Bush adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Emerick



Anna Markley Bush, Chairperson
Plan Commission