

*Village of Barrington
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes Summary*

Date: September 11, 2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Village Board Room
200 South Hough Street
Barrington, Illinois

In Attendance:
Jeff Anderson, Commissioner
Susan Ferry, Commissioner
Joann Lee, Commissioner
Dan Hogan, Vice-Chairperson
Anna Bush, Chairperson
Kate Duncan, Commissioner

Staff Members: Jennifer Tennant

Call to Order

Chairperson Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call noted the following: Richard Ehrle, absent; Kate Duncan; present; Jeff Anderson, present; Susan Ferry, present; Joann Lee, present; Vice-Chairperson Hogan, present; Chairperson Anna Markley Bush, present.

There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

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Old Business

New Business

PC 18-07: 616 W. Main Street (Barrington High School) – Special Use Planned Development Amendment

PETITIONER: Barrington Community Unit School District #220

PROPERTY OWNER: Barrington Community Unit School District #220

The Petitioner is seeking approval of an amendment to the existing special use planned development ordinances (98-2759, 99-2789, 01-2936, 08-3432 and 12-3690) to allow the replacement of the existing north and south scoreboards with larger scoreboards in substantially the same locations.

Chairperson Bush begins by swearing in Mr. David Bein, the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Chief School Business Official at Barrington 220 School District.

Mr. Bein thanks the Commission for the opportunity of considering the special use amendment. The district is interested in replacing its aging scoreboards that were originally installed with a variety of other enhancements under the existing special use permit. As the years passed, the company who initially installed the scoreboards has gone out of business and for that reason, it has become difficult to find replacement parts for the scoreboards when needed. The community is in support of replacing the scoreboards, fundraising has been conducted in order to fund the installation of the new scoreboards. Moreover, the dimensions of the home and away scoreboards being proposed are slightly larger, but they will be in the same location.

After Mr. Bein has made his opening statement, Chairperson Bush asks the Commission if they have any questions for him.

With no one on the Commission having any questions for Mr. Bein, Chairperson Bush turns the attention of the Commission to Ms. Tennant.

Ms. Tennant says that in 2008 the stadium and scoreboard were redeveloped. The plan development indicates that anything other than a minor change would require an amendment. The enlargement of the proposed scoreboard is not considered a minor change and therefore cannot be approved administratively. The dimension of the proposed scoreboard is close to fifty percent larger. However, given its location on the opposite side of the high school building from the neighborhood and inside the sports stadium facing inward, we do not feel it will have any substantial impact on the surrounding properties. We understand the technology is better, which will give the school better control of the sound. Furthermore, nothing else on the school site is changing; no other public facilities or services are needed. The community desire for the new scoreboards has been demonstrated by the community. Mr. Bein has provided them with the information of who will be the new company/contractor that will be installing the new scoreboards. With all that being said, Staff recommends approval of the plan development amendment.

Chairperson Bush asks the Commission if they have any questions.

Vice-Chairperson Hogan asks if, historically speaking, there have been any accidents reported by the police that they attribute to any newer signs that contain this technology.

Ms. Tennant replies by saying that she is not aware of any accidents caused by electronic signs in town but that she can research this information with the Police Department.

Commissioner Anderson asks if the scoreboard will be utilized for anything other than athletic events.

Mr. Steve McWilliams, who is employed by Barrington District 220, approaches the podium and is sworn in by Chairperson Bush because he will be explaining the usage of the scoreboards.

Mr. McWilliams says the new scoreboards are of a different than the old ones and have enhances features. If one were to look at the current scoreboard there is an LCD display that shows video and then there is a traditional scoreboard underneath. The new LCD display is designed to take over part of the traditional scoreboard piece. With that being said, there is the potential of the new scoreboard being used for all other sports, including track as well as for movie nights, which the school has done in the past with the current scoreboard.

Commissioner Lee asks how the school district came to the decision of making the scoreboard fifty percent bigger.

Mr. McWilliams answers Commissioner Lee's question by stating the scoreboards are developed and designed in common sizes, so one has to choose from certain size ranges. The school district went into a size range for the LCD board that actually fits the current footprint and there is a bit of an overlap with the advertisement component of the scoreboard. Therefore, the scoreboard is about the same size of the original scoreboard but has an overhang on each side for the advertisements.

Mr. McWilliams also states the scoreboard is fifty percent bigger because the LCD board will be taking over on displaying the score and time, and also allows for adjustments to be made to customize the score and time to the appropriate sport being played.

Commissioner Lee has a question for the staff; was a notification sent to the neighbors on the East and South side for the school regarding this request.

Ms. Tennant says yes and no concerns from anyone have been made.

Chairperson Bush asks the Commission if they have any more comments.

Commissioner Hogan motioned and Commissioner Anderson seconded the approval of an amendment to the existing special use planned development ordinances (98-2759, 99-2789, 01-2936, 08-3432 and 12-3690) to allow the replacement of the existing north and south scoreboards with larger scoreboards in substantially the same locations for PC 18-07.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Ehrle, absent; Mr. Anderson, yes; Ms. Duncan, yes; Ms. Ferry, yes; Ms. Lee, yes; Vice-Chairperson Hogan, yes; and Chairperson Bush, yes. The vote was 6-0; the motion carried.

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Minutes

August 14, 2018

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ferry seconded the motion. A voice vote noted all ayes, and Chairperson Bush declared the motion approved.

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Planners Report

Chairperson Bush asks Ms. Tennant what is on the agenda for forthcoming PC Meetings.

Ms. Tennant reports that yesterday they received an application for 343-345 W. Main Street. They are proposing a multi-tenant commercial building and related site improvement. It should be presented to the Planning Commission in about six to eight weeks.

Chairperson Bush asks if it is commercial or retail.

Ms. Tennant says they do not have users yet, but they do want to have one restaurant user.

Moreover, the school district will be returning later in the fall. The school district has purchased the Quaker-Oats building across the street from the high school. They will be making some site and architectural changes to the building.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson Hogan made a motion and Commissioner Anderson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Chairperson Bush declared the motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Esmeralda Nava
Administrative Assistant

Approved: November 13, 2018