

*Village of Barrington
Zoning Board of Appeals
DRAFT Minutes Summary*

Date: October 1, 2013

Location: Village Board Room
200 South Hough Street
Barrington, Illinois

In Attendance: Vicky Perille, Commissioner
William Fitzpatrick, Commissioner
David Holtermann, Commissioner
Kevin Connolly, Commissioner
Kate Duncan, Commissioner
Ryan Julian, Vice Chairperson
Patricia Pokorski, Chairperson

Staff Members: Jennifer Tennant
Jean Emerick

Call to Order

Chairperson Pokorski called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call noted the following: Victoria Perille, present; William Fitzpatrick, present; David Holtermann, present; Kevin Connolly, present; Kate Duncan, present; Vice Chairperson Ryan Julian, present (arrived at 7:06 PM); Chairperson Patricia Pokorski, present.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Pokorski gave the order of business and explained the process and duties of the ZBA. She swore in those members of the audience that may speak during the meeting.

Old Business

Chairperson Pokorski requested since sometimes it is a long time between meetings that the Commission receive the minutes for review shortly after the meeting.

Jennifer Tennant announced that Kevin Kramer has taken a position in Hoffman Estates and that she will be filling in for a while. Ms. Tennant will send out the minutes when they are ready for review.

Chairperson Pokorski welcomed new Commissioners, Kate Duncan and Kevin Connolly.

Commissioner Ryan Julian has arrived at 7:06 PM.

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New Business

ZBA 13-02: 557 N. Hough Street – Special Use

Applicant: Patrick Anderson
557 N. Hough Street
Barrington, IL 60010

Owner: Leo & Theresa Straton Trust

The petitioner is seeking approval of a Special Use to allow a Day Care Center for dogs at 557 N. Hough Street. The Day Care Center will be located within the existing Grooming Lodge business. The petitioner has not requested any other exceptions from the Zoning Ordinance as a part of this Petition. The property is zoned B-1 General Business District.

Mr. Patrick Anderson, of 25704 West Clark Street in Antioch Illinois, said they opened the Grooming Lodge in 2006 and it has done well. They have added on a vocational school for dog grooming. Customers have asked over the years if they will watch their small dogs. Most doggie day care facilities cater to larger breeds. Mr. Anderson rented a space behind the existing space for expanding the grooming school but the school did not grow as they thought it would. He still has the space which he wishes to use for the dogs attending the day care. They put gravel down in the back to walk the dogs. They want to add a small dog day care facility (20 dogs at a maximum and under 25 pounds). They have never had any complaints from the apartments next door. They plan to be open from 7 AM until 6 PM.

Ms. Tennant said the petitioner is applying for a special use permit for a doggie day care center. The Zoning Ordinance does not specify a doggie day care center as a separate use. The other doggie day care center in Barrington is classified as a day care center. The Zoning Ordinance does not differentiate between a day care center for children or for animals. There are no exterior changes proposed. It is a special use in the B-1 District. It is compatible with Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. It will not negatively affect the surrounding properties. The number of animals may increase somewhat. There will be no additional increase in traffic, noise or pollution. There may be additional customers. There will be no parking increase as it is a drop-off situation. It is a suitable use for this zoning district. Staff is in support with this request.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick had a correction to the Staff Report.

Chairperson Pokorski has no problem with the petition in general. Her concern is with the report. It should refer to the day care center as a day care center for dogs. She asked if the business was to be successful, wouldn't there be the need for an increase in dogs?

Mr. Anderson said the work is seasonal. He expects that many of the dogs there for grooming will be left for the day. There could be twenty dogs there to be groomed and 20 dogs there for the day.

Chairperson Pokorski questioned that the hours, the weight of the dogs, and the number of dogs should be stated in the recommendation.

Vice-Chairperson Julian said his experience is that a dog day care center is typically open from 6 AM to 7 PM. He wondered if they should put an hour limit in the ordinance. He would like to see time limits in the ordinance, as well as the days of the week. The size limitation is also good; he would like to see it as an approximate size.

Mr. Anderson said that currently they are open Tuesday through Saturday. That will probably change to Monday through Friday. He will not exceed six days a week. He has no intention of keeping dogs overnight.

Commissioner Perille questioned the number of dogs. There will be dogs there for grooming and they will have up to 20 dogs for day care.

Chairperson Polorski went over the specific limitations for the dog day care center.

- No more than 20 dogs, to weigh no more than approximately 25 pounds
- No more than six days a week, from 7 AM to 7 PM
- No overnight boarding

Commissioner Holtermann asked about the additional space.

Mr. Anderson said that the additional space is a separate unit. There are two units in the front, which face Hough Street, and there is a unit in the back, which is vacant, approximately 900 square feet that was used as a classroom.

Commissioner Holtermann asked if there would be new space for the day care dogs.

Mr. Anderson answered yes, the existing classroom space will be specifically for the doggie day care.

Commissioner Duncan asked if they were required to have any special licenses.

Mr. Anderson answered no.

Commissioner Julian moved and Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion to approve, as amended, a Special Use to allow a Day Care Center for dogs at 557 N. Hough Street to include the following recommendations: not to exceed six days a week not to exceed (7 AM to 7 PM), a weight limit of approximately 25 pounds, no overnight boarding, and a limit of 20 dogs.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Perille –aye; Mr. Fitzpatrick – aye; Mr. Julian – aye; Mr. Holtermann – aye; Mr. Connolly – aye; Ms. Duncan – aye; Ms. Pokorski – aye; the vote was 7 to 0. Chairperson Pokorski declared the motion approved.

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Other Business

Approval of Minutes

April 2, 2013

A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2013 meeting as amended. Voice vote recorded ayes. The minutes were approved.

Planner's Report

Ms. Tennant said the Commission may meet in November for a special use for a tavern. No application has been submitted.

Adjournment

As there was no additional business to come before the Board, Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn; Commissioner Perille seconded the motion. Voice vote recorded all ayes. Chairperson Pokorski adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Emerick
Recording Secretary



Ms. Patricia Pokorski, Chairperson
Zoning Board of Appeals

Approval Date: