

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission held at 442 N. Grand Street, Schoolcraft, Michigan, was called to order by Chairperson Tim Brown at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Brown, Commissioners Gunnett, Graber, Rozeboom, Willis and Pfof.

Absent: Schmitt.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Kim Robinson, Bobbi Truesdell, Howard Overbeek, John Stodola, and Suzanne Eggers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Pfof, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2010, meeting with a correction of the Sandwich Board from 6' to 6 sq. ft. All aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE ACTIVITIES:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Council held on June 7 through August 2, 2010, were reviewed for file.
- b) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the DDA held on April 1, 2010, were reviewed for file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements regarding Premier Melon:

- They have not complied with site plan requirements.
- She has sent two letters to them with no response.
- The Village of Schoolcraft will begin active enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Howard Overbeek appeared before the Planning Commission to request site plan approval for the Schoolcraft Community Library. Comments as follows:

- He stated that the site plan complies with the requirements of Prein & Newhof and AGS.
- He stated that the site plan does show installation of fence on the south side of the building, however, the library would like to plant Privet Hedge instead.

Ms. Bobbi Truesdell had the following comments:

- She stated that the library does wish to plant a Privet Hedge to match the existing hedge on the property owner's west and south property lines.
- She explained that the cost to plant 4' Privet Hedge is prohibitive, and would like the Planning Commission to consider plants that will be 18" to 2' tall.
- She explained that both Wedel's and Romence Garden assured her that in one year, the hedge would be approximately 5' tall.

Ms. Suzanne Eggers has the following comments:

- She stated that she does prefer the installation of a 4' Privet Hedge.
- She stated that the cutback required for hedges will slow growth.
- She requested professional trimming of hedges.

Commissioners Pfof and Gunnett stated that they do wish to adhere to the existing ordinance requiring 4' plantings.

Commissioner Graber stated that he had no problem with 3' plantings.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Willis, to approve the site plan for the Schoolcraft community based on compliance with the recommendations of Prein & Newhof and AGS, and with the installation of a 4' Privet Hedge. All aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. All aye.

Cheri M. Lutz, Recording Secretary

Tim Brown, Chairperson