

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 10, 2010

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Schmitt, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2010, as presented. All aye.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing was opened by Chairperson Tim Brown at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding Draft Ordinances No. 220 and 221.

Comments and Discussion:

The Planning Commission discussed text amendments to the following items:

- Article IV General Regulations. Section 74 regarding clarification of standards for parking in residential districts.
- Article IV General Regulations, Section 74 regarding a change in the approval body from Village Council to Planning Commission.
- Article IV General Regulations, Section 75 subsection (3) regarding fencing standards.
- Article IV General Regulations, Sections 77 & 78 regarding establishment of time periods for the expiration of site plan approvals, special use permits and variances.
- Article X-B-1 Local Business District regarding the addition of Laundromat as a principal permitted use.
- Article X-B-1 Local Business District regarding the addition of Retail Shop as a principal permitted use and to add a definition of Retail Shop.
- Article XI-B-2 General Business District regarding the addition of Retail Store and to add a definition of Retail Store.
- Article X-B-1 Local Business District, Section 243 regarding the removal of Church's and add a reference to Section 62-454 (22).
- Article XVII-Site Design Standards, Section 454 regarding various standards for Churches.
- Article XIX – Administration and Enforcement, Section 521 regarding enforcement of Zoning Ordinances from the Building Inspector to the appropriate Village Officials

- Chapter 18 of the General Ordinances to remove standards for swimming pools that do not conform to current standards of the Michigan Residential Code.

Commissioner Comments:

Parking in Residential Districts: General discussion took place regarding driveway standards, with a general consensus that an additional parking pad of either permanent material or gravel could be installed in the side yard to be not more than 3' from the side yard setback.

Approval Body from Village Council the Planning Commission, Fencing, Time Periods for Site Plan, Special Use and Variance, Addition of Laundromat, Retail Shops and Stores, Standards for Churches, Administration and Enforcement. General discussion and agreement of the proposed changes took place by the Planning Commission.

Swimming Pool Regulations. The Planning Commission discussed the proposed changes. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Village Council.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Gunnett, to recommend adoption of Ordinance #220 to the Village Council with the following changes: 1) To allow additional parking in residential areas with permanent or gravel material within 3' of the side yard setback requirement. 2) To apply specific square footage standards to Retail Stores and Shops. All aye.

Motion by Rozeboom, seconded by Graber, to recommend adoption of Ordinance #221 regarding Swimming Pool Regulations. All aye,

UPDATE ON VILLAGE ACTIVITIES:

Minutes of the April 5, 19. 2010, Village Council Meeting were reviewed for file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Planning Commission reviewed the request of Mr. Gordon Sutton of 204 South Centre Street to rezone his property out of the Village of Schoolcraft.

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The Planning Commission reviewed the letter from Bruce Dean of AGS regarding the request of Mr. Sutton, and understood that the Village of Schoolcraft does not have the authority to re-zone property out of the Village limits.

Motion by Pfof, seconded by Graber stating that the Planning Commission is opposed to de-annexation. All aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Cheri M. Lutz, Village Manager

Tim Brown, Chairperson