

THE PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Patricia Letarte, Edward Cendejas, Teresa Badillo, Giuliano Petrucci, Jeff Harris (Zoning Administrator) and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: Chairman James Caporusso, Karen Special and William Thorn.

Being that Chairman Caporusso was not present this evening, Member Pat Letarte became Acting Chairperson.

Acting Chairperson Letarte welcomed the two (2) new members to the Plan Commission and asked them introduce themselves. The new members are Teresa Badillo and Giuliano Petrucci.

Acting Chairperson Letarte stated that since the two (2) new members were just introduced thereby leaving only two (2) members from the previous fiscal year, the motion to approve and accept the minutes from April 27, 2011 would need to be voted on at the next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting due to a lack of a quorum. All members concurred.

3. New Business and Old Business: Parameters for RFP to Revise/Update Village Comprehensive Plan and TOD Study

Mr. Harris came forward and discussed the parameters for RFP (Request For Proposal) to Revise/Update Village Comprehensive Plan and TOD Study for the Village of Franklin Park. Acting Chairperson Letarte mentioned that she would like to review the older Comprehensive Plan to gain more insight for the Village and to move forward at the next Plan Commission meeting. Mr. Harris stated that only a section of the Comprehensive Plan is going to be reviewed. Mr. Harris continued that the Village would like to focus on the Mannheim and Grand Avenue corridor. It will not be focusing on the residential areas in the Village at this time. That will occur at a later date.

Acting Chairperson Letarte asked if this item on the agenda can be moved to the next meeting of the Plan Commission and also made a suggestion to see if Chairman Caporusso would like to call a Special Meeting of the Plan Commission before the regularly scheduled meeting to continue with this subject matter.

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4. New Business and Old Business: Discussion Regarding Parking Regulations (15 Minute Resident Only parking)

Mr. Harris displayed to the members a large map of the Village with specific highlighted sections of those areas in town that are a focus of the parking congestion issues within the Village. Mr. Harris stated that the "blue" highlighted areas are the special address ranges or parking congestion. He stated that the Mayor would like more specific issues addressed for parking. He continued that there were "green" highlighted areas as well for those areas near the high school.

Mr. Harris stated that he met with the Police Department to discuss the parking congestion issues further.

Acting Chairperson Letarte discussed the color coded sticker idea for the school students to have in their vehicles. The members discussed parking on the Thompson Steel property and the statistics on when the new construction of the parking lot will be completed.

The members discussed that the Village will need cooperation from the High School to answer some questions, i.e. how many stickers are issued each school year. They also discussed parking at the elementary schools.

The members discussed the idea of parking at the American Legion Hall on a short-term basis only. The members would like to have some communication with the managers of the American Legion Hall. Mr. Harris stated that there were discussions with them and they chose not to participate in this whatsoever for insurance reasons.

The members discussed the vacant parking lot near the pool that is privately owned. Mr. Harris stated if the Village were to purchase it, it may cost approximately \$500-\$750,000 and would hold about 50-60 cars.

Acting Chairperson Letarte opened this meeting to the public at this time. The public portion of the meeting began at 7:29 p.m.

Mrs. Diane Jablonski came forward and discussed her opinion why the sticker idea would not be beneficial. She mentioned why the Village could not use the Leyden News Agency building and turn that into a parking lot. Mr. Harris stated that it would cost \$50,000 to demolish the structure. She discussed why student parking is her problem. She stated it is a horrible situation for the residents.

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Mr. Kurt Kugelberg came forward and discussed his opinion on having the Village officials, the School Board officials and the Park District Board members meet with the Plan Commission to discuss all these ideas together and form some type of resolution.

The members discussed that everyone has to work together on these situations to form a resolution and conclusion. They discussed the meaning of a "public street". Mr. Harris stated that there is no single solution for parking.

The members asked Mr. Harris to get into communication with the school and see exactly how many stickers are issued to students each year. Mr. Harris discussed that there would be 382 parking spaces for the new lot at the Thompson Steel property.

The members asked if it be possible for a representative from the Park District and a representative from Leyden High School come to the next Plan Commission meeting.

The members of the Plan Commission and some members of the public questioned whether it would be feasible to raise the prices of parking fines from \$35 to \$50 per violation.

Mr. Kugelberg also stated that it would be a good idea to have a representative from the American Legion Hall present at the next Plan Commission meeting as well.

Mrs. Jablonski came forward again and discussed the speeding that takes place throughout the Village, especially within those areas that are near the train and the high school.

6. Old Business: None

Mr. Harris discussed the new Farmers Market coming to the Village and invited out the Plan Commission members and the public to attend. The first Farmers Market will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Harris thanked the members of the public for coming out this evening and participating in these difficult topics.

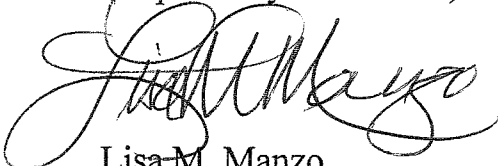
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Mr. Harris discussed that he will check and see if there will be a Special Meeting before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Mr. Harris felt that due to time constraints, there may not be time for a special meeting to occur.

7. Member Cendejas made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Petrucci. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary