

THE PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 19, 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. Chairman James Caporusso, William Thorn, Teresa Badillo, Giuliano Petrucci, Karen Special, Jeff Harris (Zoning Administrator) and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: Patricia Letarte and Edward Cendejas.
3. Member Special made a motion to accept the minutes of June 22, 2011 as presented. Member Badillo seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
4. New Business: Discussion of stop signs at Dodge and Lonquist

Chairman Caporusso opened this meeting to the public at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Catherine Sroka, 9722 Dodge, came forward and signed in. Ms. Sroka discussed her growing frustration regarding the student traffic speeding down the residential streets during the school year. She has stressed to the Village to have speed bumps installed and she is worried about the children in the neighborhood. She stated that the children are her first priority.

The members discussed erecting a three-way stop sign and the pros and cons regarding that. Chairman Caporusso suggested sending out a survey to all the residents in that specific area to gain knowledge of their specific concerns and proceed from there. Mr. Harris discussed the pros and cons of speed bumps, especially the damage they do to the snow plows during the winter.

Mr. Harris discussed the idea of “traffic islands” or traffic calming devices being installed in the center of a street such as this to deter students and speeders in the area. Mr. Harris stated that he will talk with the Village Engineer to see what other suggestions can be discussed for the area in question.

Ms. Diana Jablonski of 3301 Atlantic, came forward and sign in. Ms. Jablonski discussed the 15-minute parking signage and reiterated that the “hot zones” in her neighborhood need to be addressed. She also discussed handicapped signage and the rules and regulations for that.

Public session ended at 7:30 p.m.

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5. New Business: Proposed workshop – September 28

Mr. Harris discussed the opportunity for both the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals to attend a workshop at Village Hall during the regular Plan Commission scheduled meeting on September 28. The workshop will delve into the duties of a Plan Commission and Zoning Board with a question and answer session. More information will follow.

6. Old Business: Continued discussion regarding parking restrictions.

The members discussed the parking issues around the “hot zones” within the Village near the pool, Metra train and the high school.

The members continued discussion on the “traffic calming devices” or traffic islands. They talked about the speed bump issues and how it is a negative for the Street Department and Fire Department.

The members discussed having more police presence in the hot zone areas and this will deter speeders.

Mr. Harris stated that he will send out a survey to the residents in the Dodge and Lonquist areas of the Village.

The members discussed that a meeting regarding the Thompson Steel property should be coordinated to discuss the parking issues there.

6. Member Badillo 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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary