

THE PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2013 – 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. Teresa Badillo, Patricia Letarte, Chairman James Caporusso, William Thorn, Patrick Ainsworth (Planner for the Department of Community Development), John Schneider (Director of Community Development), and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: Carla Argueta, and Giuliano Petrucci.
3. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the minutes of April 24, 2013 as presented. Member Badillo seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. New Business: Discussion on Performance Standards.

Mr. Ainsworth continued discussion from the last meeting on Performance Standards. Paperwork was distributed from other communities on Performance Standards and Noise. The members had the opportunity to peruse the paperwork and make a determination what is the best fit for Franklin Park. The members discussed and concurred that they feel that the Maywood Noise/Performance Standards work well and are very similar to Franklin Park. Discussion ensued and they agreed that all points are well written and that number five (5) on “Animals, birds and the like,” would need to be revised, clarified and expounded upon.

The members also had three (3) points that staff would need to research and add in to Franklin Park’s prospective noise ordinance. They felt that Sound Enforcement equipment for Police, Penalties and Exemptions, i.e. car show, railroad daze, public events and parties, etc would need to be addressed.

The members made a point on how train horns/signals would be regulated for the Village as well as trains that just sit on the tracks for long periods of time.

The members also discussed how this noise documentation would be determined by zoning district. Member Letarte also brought up car noise in the public way and how that would or should be handled.

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Mr. Schneider determined that it would be beneficial to have a draft of a potential Ordinance ready for the Plan Commission members to review at the next meeting in July. He continued that at the next meeting there would be discussion among the members regarding chicken coops.

The members also had concerns regarding fireworks.

6. New Business: Discussion on miscellaneous Village projects related to Planning.

Mr. Schneider discussed a plethora of different projects taking place in the Village at the present time. Summer is in full swing and there are many projects and plans taking place in Franklin Park. He mentioned that Joe Lauro, Superintendent of Water and himself has discussed and researched the installation of electric parking meters for parking. John also introduced Farrah, Community Development's summer intern. She has been assigned to go out into town and research the parking situation in the commuter parking lot on 25th and Belmont Avenue. Farrah assessed that there are local residents parking there as well as commuters parking from various other towns.

Mr. Schneider stated that there is an agreement in place with the American Legion Hall to park in their parking lot. It will be for the pool patrons and then later in the evening for the local residents. The parking lot will be numbered.

Mr. Schneider discussed the Franklin Park O'Hare Western Industrial Corridor, and that they will be having a kick-off meeting on July 9th at the Park District Community Center. Over 200 businesses are invited along with the Plan Commission, ZBA and EDC members.

Mr. Schneider discussed the Farmer's Market and the Phase 2 site. He updated the members on the fabulous turn out for the Craft Show the weekend of Railroad Daze. They are also planning on installing picnic tables for the patrons of the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Schneider also discussed the Downtown Re-Zoning and that the public hearing was held on June 5th at North Park. An Image Preference Survey was conducted to get feedback from the residents. Also the consultants are analyzing results and they will be presented to staff in the coming weeks.

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Mr. Ainsworth discussed the Farmer's Market and how it has been successful to date and has brought out many residents and business owners to share in the bounty of Franklin Park's businesses.

Mr. Schneider talked about the banners that are being installed along Franklin Avenue. He continued to discuss the new businesses that have opened up in the last several months: Dazz Boutique at 9774 Grand, Rainbows Ice Cream at 9759 Franklin, A southern BBQ restaurant to open late summer at 3531 Rose, Ritmo Dance Studio at 9760 Grand, Renzo Company (expansion) at 10144 Pacific, Global Tool and Mold at 9123 Medill, Eagle Freight at 3710 River, as well as Imperial Fabricators Co at 9119 Medill.

Mr. Schneider talked about some upcoming festivals and entertainment that Franklin Park will be having such as the Street Dance and Car Show on July 26, Leyden Family Fun Days on August 22-25 and the End of Summer Downtown Festival on Aug 29.

Mr. Schneider was also proud to announce the grand opening of the new Police Station on August 10th at 10:00 a.m.

7. Old Business: None.

8. Member Letarte made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Badillo. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary