

**THE PLAN COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 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, Giuliano Petrucci, William Thorn, Patrick Ainsworth (Planner for the Department of Community Development), John Schneider (Director of Community Development), and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). All members were present.
3. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the amended minutes of July 24, 2013 as presented. Member Thorn seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. New Business: Discussion on Noise Ordinance.

The members discussed the updated noise ordinance draft that was distributed to them. Dave Talbott, the Village's Engineer was present to discuss this issue. Police Chief Witz was unable to attend, but will attend at the next regularly scheduled meeting to provide his input. Mr. Schneider discussed this draft with the members and alluded to page two (2), letter C which added new language in regard to measuring noise on the public right of way. The members discussed what kinds of noise would be considered boisterous on the public way. Mr. Schneider stated that it would be noise that can be measured at a certain decibel level. The new language is as follows: "If the source of any such nuisance noise can be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the source of the noise, in which it is located and is measured within any public right of way, then it shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section."

Mr. Schneider discussed page three (3), number four (4), the section referring to "yelling, shouting and the like". He stated that it would have to be a case where there is continuous yelling where it would create a nuisance.

Mr. Schneider made mention of page four (4), item ten (10) regarding hawkers and peddlers. He stated that this section can be removed from this draft.

Mr. Talbott discussed page eight (8), entitled "Table 1 Limits Received on Residentially and Commercially Zoned Property." It shows a table displaying how noise is measured.

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He continued that noise is measured with a meter from the Police Department. It gives standards and limitations for motor vehicles as well.

Mr. Schneider reiterated that Police Chief Witz will be at the next Plan Commission meeting to continue this discussion and how the Police Officers will enforce this potential noise ordinance.

Member Letarte asked how this subject matter will be brought to the attention of the residents and business owners. Mr. Schneider stated that it can be brought to the public through the Village's website, the inserts in the water bills, etc.

Mr. Schneider stated for the record that this discussion on the draft of the potential new noise ordinance will be continued to the next Plan Commission meeting in September.

### 6. New Business: Discussion on Fowl in certain Zoning Districts.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed that more extensive research has been completed regarding allowing fowl in the Village. He referred to Oak Park and Downers Grove for providing very thorough and detailed information on fowl in their communities. Chairman Caporusso would like to have a survey posted on the Village's website to poll the residents on this issue and to see if they have any concerns with this subject matter. He feels after the survey is completed, then the Commission can move forward.

Mr. Schneider stated that he would work with public relations to have this put to the public, even via the Village's Facebook page to provide feedback.

### 7. New Business: Discussion on miscellaneous Village Projects related to Planning.

Mr. Schneider discussed that the end of the summer festival on downtown Franklin Avenue on August 29, 2013. Some businesses will be donating to the festival that will provide entertainment. It should be a fun end of summer treat.

Mr. Schneider stated that the Savers' Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be on August 29, 2013 and all members were invited to attend.

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8. Old Business: None.

9. Member Letarte 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 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo  
Secretary