

THE PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A quorum was present. Patricia Letarte, Teresa Badillo, Giuliano Petrucci, Chairman James Caporusso, Alma Montenegro, John Schneider (Director of Community Development), and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: William Thorn.

2. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the minutes of November 20, 2013 as presented. Member Petrucci seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. New Business: Discussion on Traffic/Parking Studies.

Mr. Schneider discussed Parking Area #1- East Leyden High School and the new soccer fields at the corner of King and Rose Street. He stated that he and his staff has met with the Superintendent and discussed the possibility of parking at the intersection of King and Edginton. He continued that the Police Chief and the Superintendent of Streets and Utilities was also in attendance to provide input. Mr. Schneider stated that they discussed the option of purchasing the Thompson Steel Parking Lot and also brought up to supplement the parking needs of the new athletic fields.

Staff also brought up the suggestion about having this parking lot jointly purchased by both School District 84 and 212 for use by both organizations. The school districts will have to meet with the Leyden Board of Education and provide a response to Village Staff within the next few weeks.

Mr. Schneider discussed Parking Area #2 – UN Club/Pure. He stated that there is one company that stored school buses on Martens Street which increased the traffic in the neighborhood. The company is now moving out due to a brand new property owner and a new business moving into the facility.

Mr. Schneider discussed Parking Area #3 – North School. He stated that when meeting with the District 84 Superintendent, he asked if the Plan Commission would support opening up Pearl Street for District 84 teachers and staff using a placard system. This system would have to be set up by passing an Ordinance within the Village Board of Trustees. The placard system would be established and run by the Police Department.

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Pricing for the placard system would have to be determined for creation of this potential Ordinance.

Mr. Schneider discussed the issue of Bicycle Safety and that the younger residents of the community are traveling in between the trains. He also discussed erecting bike racks all over the Village. He continued that there is grant availability for said bike racks.

5. New Business: Discussion on Miscellaneous Village Projects

Mr. Schneider stated that the Business Appreciation Luncheon will be held on January 31, 2014 and the key note speaker will be Governor Quinn.

Mr. Schneider discussed that a Tree Preservation Committee has been started and run by himself, Patrick and Eric. He continued that the retail space at the old Kmart site has been leased.

Mr. Schneider discussed a partnership between the Village and Triton College to start an apprenticeship program to have local youths have an opportunity for job training and obtain jobs within the Village.

6. Old Business: None.

7. 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary