

THE PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2014

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), Eric Richard (Asst. Planner), and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: William Thorn.

2. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the minutes of February 26, 2014 as presented. Member Badillo seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. New Business: Discussion on Village Projects.

Mr. Schneider updated the members of the Plan Commission on activities taking place within the Community Development and Zoning Department. Mr. Schneider stated that they are in the process of interviewing candidates for the department and have narrowed down their search. He stated that they have acquired industrial/commercial real estate software Co-Star to identify vacant properties within the Village and will make that information available to companies looking for space within the Village. He continued that the Village is in the process of acquiring the Super 8 Hotel property on Mannheim Road.

Mr. Schneider discussed the various grants that the Community Development and Zoning Department would be applying for in the near future for a variety of projects within the Village. He continued that there is much progress being made in regard to the Downtown Zoning Code. He stated that the steering committee was very much impressed with its involvement.

Mr. Schneider discussed the various points continued in the draft of the Franklin Park O'Hare Industrial Corridor Plan being prepared by CMAP with the members. He went over the key findings in the document. Some of the key points in the document are Redevelopment, Business Retention and Growth, Mobility Improvements, and Storm Water Management.

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Mr. Schneider elaborated on the four main points of the draft and discussed the benefits of Apprenticeship Programs. Apprenticeship Programs are a benefit to the Village in many ways. It brings “on the job training” to students. These students would intern at various corporations, and soon after they graduate, the students would sometimes be offered permanent positions within the companies that they were interning for. It is a benefit for both student and corporation.

Mr. Schneider discussed the various office and website updated that will be taking place for the residents and business owners in the Village. He stated that the Zoning Hearing application is one of the items that will be revised.

6. Old Business: None.

7. 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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary