

THE PLAN COMMISSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2018

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

A quorum was present. Chairman Patricia Letarte, Daniel Particelli, Alma Montenegro, Mike Rickert, Linda Suwalski, Elyse Vukelich (Planner), and Lisa Manzo (Plan Secretary). Absent: William Thorn and Teresa Badillo.

2. Member Rickert made a motion to accept the minutes of October 24, 2018 as presented. Member Suwalski seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. New Business: None

5. Old Business: Roundtable discussion of three landscape ordinances.

Ms. Vukelich began the meeting with recapping some of the notes and verbiage from last month's meeting to bring the members up to speed. She stated that at the last meeting that it was decided that owners and those owners with new construction would be the ones responsible for landscaping the property.

She continued the meeting by opening up dialogue with the members continuing to discuss Lombard's Landscape Ordinance.

Ms. Vukelich asked if the members would like to see screening of the rear/side yard from the neighbors. The members agreed that they would, however, they would like to see screened fencing opposed to planting shrubs or trees as a border.

Ms. Vukelich asked if the members would want to see owners enforced to provide ground cover for their properties. The members stated that they would.

The members discussed to having building owners submit a landscape plan along with their architectural drawings when there will be new construction on a lot. Ms. Vukelich stated that when there is new construction, they already do this, however, it would be beneficial if it was a requirement as opposed to a recommendation.

The members discussed that they would love to see more green space on properties with more trees (depending on the size).

The members reviewed more of Lombard's Landscape Ordinance and found it to be more reader friendly and easier to navigate through. They continued that the landscape requirements give a list of different species that the Village would recommend. They feel that for Franklin Park, this list should be provided from Andy, as he is more of an expert in this field.

The members stated that they preferred the Lombard Ordinance as it dealt with energy conservation.

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They continued that they felt Lombard was the better of the three (3) Ordinances that have been reviewed thus far. They felt it was the easiest to understand and was the most concise.

The members discussed some areas of the Village where they feel screened fencing would be beneficial in town.

The members discussed that if we adopt a Landscapae Ordinance similar to Lombard's, we can add our own illustrations as Exhibits and/or a link can be attached giving examples to help the public.

6. Staff Update: None

Ms. Vukelich thanked the members for all the great input for this evening's session and stated that she will use the comments and observations from the last three (3) meetings to compose written notes and compile them for the members at the next meeting. She continued that the meeting of December will be cancelled and they will meet up again in January.

7. Member Montenegro made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Rickert. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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