

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Marzena Szubart, Kathy Mennella, Aaron Jimenez, Gil Snyder, Chairman Mark Cwik and Frank Grieashamer, Lisa Manzo (Secretary), Village Attorney Matt Welch, Patrick Ainsworth (Planner) and John Schneider, Director of Community Development. Absent: Bruce Boreson.
3. Member Grieashamer made a motion to accept the minutes of September 19, 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Mennella and approved to place them on file as presented.
4. New Business: None
5. Old Business: Open Meetings Act Training Reminder for Members

Mr. Ainsworth reminded the members that they will need to complete their Open Meetings Act Training by the end of the calendar year. He continued that a copy of the certificate of completion should be sent to Tommy Thomson in the Clerk's Office.

John Schneider, the new Director of Economic Development took this opportunity to introduce himself to the members. Mr. Schneider stated that he has been in the industry for more than 35 years. He discussed his extensive background and stated that he is looking forward to bringing business and opportunities to the Village of Franklin Park.

Mr. Schneider discussed making improvements to the Zoning Ordinance. He continued that the grant that was received for the downtown district is under way and that an RFP has gone out to procure consultants to start amending the zoning for the downtown. Mr. Ainsworth continued to discuss the steps of this study and that this is a great planning tool.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed the parking situation on Franklin Avenue and how this will also play a role in the redevelopment of the downtown district. He continued that these topics have been and will continue to go to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation to the Village Board.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed the Pacific and Franklin Avenue businesses and the parking issues on those streets.

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Mr. Schneider discussed the marketing opportunities that lie on Franklin Avenue. He also discussed signage on Franklin as well as the lovely business owners he has encountered in surveying the area. Franklin Avenue can be promoted to extract the best that these businesses have to offer.

Mr. Schneider discussed some potential new businesses that may be coming into the downtown district. He is very excited about these businesses and the exposure that it will bring to Franklin Park.

The members discussed advertising possibilities in the Village.

Public comment was opened up at this time, but since there was no public, this portion of the meeting was closed at this time.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed the possibilities of the Farmers Market taking place every week opposed to every other week next season. The department will need to discuss this and there are plans to broaden the market for next year.

6. A motion was made by Member Griashamer to adjourn the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was seconded by Member Mennella. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo  
Secretary