

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013 – 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, Bruce Boreson, Chairman Mark Cwik, Frank Grieshamer, Gil Snyder, Lisa Manzo (Secretary), and Patrick Ainsworth (Planner). All members were present.
3. Member Grieshamer made a motion to accept the minutes of October 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Member Mennella and approved to place them on file as presented.
4. New Business: Discussion on miscellaneous projects and activities that relate to Zoning.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed that the Village recently received another Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). This grant will give the Village professional staff to re-write the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The Village is only one of a few other municipalities to be awarded two LTA grants in two consecutive years.

Mr. Ainsworth stated that staff has closed out the Phase 2 Brownfield Grant. He continued that Mr. Richards is working on a Request for Proposal for installing Bus Shelters around the Village. He continued that there are at least 500 bus riders within the Village of Franklin Park. The bus shelters will be a benefit to the Village.

A discussion took place on recent Illinois State Statutes amendments and how that will impact the local municipalities and land use/zoning regulations.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed potential demolition plans for the old police station at 9545 Belmont Avenue. Staff is in the process of applying for a grant through the EPA that will alleviate costs, and help with the demolition plans.

Mr. Ainsworth talked about a CDBG Grand in the WMRA area for potential street beautification.

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There was discussion among the members regarding “quiet zone” hours for the trains that go through the Village in the evenings. Mr. Ainsworth stated that sound meters and cameras are being installed so that potential train noise hazards can be tracked and logged.

5. Old Business: None.

Mr. Ainsworth stated that the Leyden Career Fair and Business Expo that was held at East Leyden High School was a huge success.

6. Public Comment: None.

7. A motion was made by Member Grieshamer 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 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary