

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION MEETING**

May 3rd, 2022

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Costelloe, 7:00pm

ROLL CALL: PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Chair Costelloe, present
Commissioner Tantillo, present
Commissioner, Svestka, present
Commissioner Gormely-Barnes, present
Commissioner Scovitch, present
Commissioner Halm, absent
Commissioner Bruno, present

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Village Trustee Eck
Village Trustee Farrell-Mayer
Amy Eckert, Acacia HOA President
David Karaffa, Audiovisual Tech
Andy Ferrini, Assistant Village Administrator

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2022 MINUTES

Commissioner Tantillo motioned to approve the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes with the addition of Trustee Farrell-Mayer in attendance, seconded by Commissioner Svestka. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE FOR A SHED AT 6537 HOWARD AVENUE

Commissioner Bruno motioned to enter the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

b. SPECIAL USE HEARING FOR A SHED 6537 HOWARD AVENUE

Petitioner Christina Calderon explained that she purchased the home in 2020 and the shed was existing at that time. Ms. Calderon provided a plat of survey, paid her share of the bulk mailing fee, received signatures from her neighbors stating they do not object to the shed, and agreed to screen the shed with plantings.

Commissioner Barnes motioned to grant approval for the special use of a shed at 6537 Howard Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Svestka. Motion carried unanimously.

c. MOTION TO EXIT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE FOR A SHED AT 6537 HOWARD AVENUE

Commissioner Svestka motioned to exit the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Tantillo. Motion carried unanimously.

d. MOTION TO ENTER THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE FOR A FENCE AT 6537 HOWARD AVENUE

Commissioner Barnes motioned to enter the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Tantillo. Motion carried unanimously.

e. SPECIAL USE HEARING FOR A FENCE AT 6537 HOWARD AVENUE

Petitioner Christina Calderon explained that the fence was present when she purchased the home and received signatures from the neighbors that they do not object to the fence being there. Village Staff recommends that the fence be allowed to remain until the sale

or transfer of the property at which time the fence will need to be removed at the Village's expense.

Commissioner Svestka motioned to approve the Special Use for the fence at 6537 Howard Avenue with the conditions that the fence must be removed upon transfer or sale of the property at the Village's expense, seconded by Commissioner Tantillo. Motion carried unanimously.

f. MOTION TO EXIT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE FOR A FENCE AT 6537 HOWARD AVENUE

Commissioner Bruno motioned to exit the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Scovitch. Motion carried unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. MOTION TO ENTER THE PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE MODIFICATION FOR GARDEN FENCES

Commissioner Bruno motioned to enter the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Svestka. Motion carried unanimously.

b. PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE MODIFICATION FOR GARDEN FENCES

As discussed previously the Illinois legislature passed, and the Governor signed, legislation titled the Garden Act. Village Staff researched what the Garden Act allows the Village to do as well as what is currently being done. There are no existing regulations regarding gardens, which is similar to the surrounding municipalities. Another question was what can the Village regulate as it comes to gardens; the Village is able to regulate gardens in any way so long as the Village does not prohibit the gardens. Village Staff recommends modifying the zoning code to allow for small garden fences, 3 feet or less in height to be constructed to prevent animals from damaging resident gardens. These fences would have to be built in a manner in which they are directly abutting the garden so as to not take away from the desire for open spaces in the Village. The Commission held a detailed discussion on what requirements should be included in the Zoning Modification and agreed upon allowing a mesh-type material with wood or metal supports, three feet or less from the base of the bed.

Commissioner Tantillo motioned to recommend the modification to the zoning code to allow for garden fences, made out of mesh with metal or wood support beams, not to

exceed 3 feet from the garden bed and must be directly abutting a garden, seconded by Commissioner Bruno. Motion carried unanimously.

c. MOTION TO EXIT THE PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE MODIFICATION FOR GARDEN FENCES

Commissioner Svestka motioned to exit the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. DEVELOPMENT AND SHED/FENCE SPECIAL USE UPDATES FROM VILLAGE STAFF

Village Staff learned that the proposed Dunkin' Donuts has decided to no longer move forward with the plans to build a store at the old Dome property. However, the current owner still intends to build on the site after he learns more about the Wolf Road expansion. The proposed Insurance building at Joliet and Vine has been delayed a bit due to the price increase of materials. Also, there has been a delay in the Zoning Application process on the West side of Wolf Road due to delays and errors in the delivery of the notices by the Post Office. The deadline for petitioners to turn in the required materials has been extended through the end of the month. So far 12 petitioners have decided to participate in the process, with the expectation to be about 15 petitioners in total.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ferrini
Assistant Village Administrator
Recording Secretary