

Village of Central Square Planning Board Meeting January 15, 2009

Present: Steve Williams, John Metzger, Rebecca Watson, Shirley Jones, Maryellen Commisso, John Urbaniak

Others present: Mike Kraus, David Razzante – Metropolitan Signs, Inc, Savannah Crawley – Charles Signs; Jennifer Tams – Exotic Feathers & Fins; Candace Revette – Exotic Feathers & Fins; Dave Bardoun – Bardoun Land Surveying.

Steve Williams opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from November reviewed. Note change in minutes to reflect that antique furniture will also be sold, not used for displays. Motion by Shirley Jones. Seconded by John Metzger, motion carried.

Liquor store has temporary signage for six months granted in November. Would like to schedule a work session next month. Steve has been traveling and taking pictures of some plaza signs. Would like to come up with a common vision to work with when presented a sign permit application.

If code changes are made, need to establish how that would be done. Recommendations and ordinances would have to go to the village board for approval. John reminded the board needs to also revisit the recommendations and rules for temporary garages. Steve suggests we stay at the next meeting for an extra ½ hour to have the work session. The meeting is currently scheduled for February 19th, which is winter break week.

Two sign applications 1) Metropolitan Signs for the plaza 2) Charles Signs for the dental associates.

Mike Kraus – Metropolitan Sign application is for re-doing of main sign at the plaza. The entire sign has been reworked with a main sign at the top with the store signs below. Current dollar tree sign will be downsized to 18x5' to read Central Square Plaza, with the store signs being approx. 10 x 2.5 Poles will stay the same except for paint. Poles are structurally sound. Current laws in the village require that signs be maintained. A violation could be issued if not done. Proposal does not currently meet our existing sign regulations. Mike Kraus explained the differences in sign regs in different areas of the village. Code reflects size differences for different districts. Separate regulations are in the code book for plazas which would allow for the central square plaza sign, but only two smaller store signs. The East Avenue business district sign code is somewhat restrictive for the traffic and speed traveled on the roads. Planning board has authority to approve signs that do not meet requirements. Can have changes made to the proposal or approve as is.

John Metzger – the integrity of structure was checked by Metropolitan Signs. The wiring must be done over because there is no wiring right now. It will be done by licensed electricians at the request of the plaza owner.

Dave from Metropolitan Signs - Top sign is 7 x 18 right now. New sign is 6 x 18. The owner wants to update to look nicer. Square footage difference 202 (old) 208 sq ft.(new) There is room for 5 tenant spaces on the new sign.

John Metzger – will the signs be able to be turned off? The larger tenants have the larger signs. When a tenant vacates, can the sign be altered to reflect changes. Signs can be divided if one of the spaces is subdivided. Fluorescent lighting. Project will take eight weeks and will start soon – will work during the winter months.

Motion made by John Metzger to table application from Metropolitan Signs till next meeting to have the opportunity to compare this with others in the village. Seconded by Steve Williams. Motion carried.

Savannah from Charles Signs presented application for sign for dentist office. Building only sign. Meets current code for frontage. Occupying frontage – can have 10% for a frontage sign. Sign will not be lit. Channel letters raised off building mounted to wood. Faces are white and cans they are mounted on are bronze.

No questions. Sign meets guidelines. Not proposed to be on plaza sign.

John Metzger made motion to approve sign as presented in photo with noted dimensions. Seconded by Maryellen Commisso. Motion carried.

Dave Bardoun presented sketch plan for Exotic Feathers and Fins, 577 South Main Street. (this address is incorrect on the application). This to be in an existing residential building north of Fairway Physical Therapy. Mr. Bardoun distributed drawings to the board.

Proposed change for parking, handicap ramp, lighting, sign. Building will not change. Will use as rooms and retail shop. Taxidermy shop. Business plan to be presented prior to next meeting. Mr. Bardoun is doing snow removal plan, lighting, etc. There is a lot of parking to south.

Would like to be put on agenda for next month. Ms Revette will present a sign permit application as well.

Steve Williams stated that it is his opinion that the type of pets is not allowed in the village. The public hearing and the judgment of the board based on the comprehensive plan will determine if this is acceptable.

John Metzger asked Mike Kraus to find out about what spots should be utilized from the physical therapy place for parking, etc.. There is a need to clarify the exotic pet law in the code book with the village attorney.

Motion by Steve Williams to adjourn, seconded by John Metzger. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Steve Williams called the meeting to order again to make correction to minutes based on site plan application for Candace Revette.

John Metzger motioned to amend minutes and strike correction pertaining to terrariums and leave as is. However business description needs to state exotic pets and reptiles, not exotic birds. Seconded by Steve Williams. Motion carried.

Motion by John Metzger to adjourn, Seconded by Steve Williams – re-adjourned at 8:25.