

Village of Liverpool Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday May 23, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Ostuni, Chairman
John Eallonardo
Tom Tartaglia
James Taft
John Langey Atty
Greg Sgromo, Engineer
William Reagan, Codes Officer
Mary Ellen Sims, Secretary

Absent: Peter Osborne
Michael LaMontagne
Robin Daloia Alternate

Call to Order

Chairman Ostuni called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes April 28, 2016

Motion was made by James Taft, seconded by John Eallonardo to approve the minutes of April 28, 2016 as presented. Motion Passed.

Valerie LaMont- preliminary review of approved Limp Lizard site plan for changes to parking lot

Dennis Kosdroosky and Valerie Lamont appeared before the Planning Board to present some possible changes to the approved site plan for Limp Lizard's parking lot.

The site plan was approved in 2014 for an expanded parking lot that would serve customers of the Limp Lizard and the White Water Pub. Dennis showed those in attendance the approved site plan from 2014, a preliminary site plan for possible changes to the parking lot and presented their vision for what they would like to do in that area. They would like to cut back on the parking area and incorporate more green space. They presented a possible plan for above ground drainage. The original plan showed underground drainage pipes. The proposed retention basin would be shared with White Water Pub.

Mr. Kosdroosky and Valerie Lamont stated that the original plan approved by the Planning Board and presented by Val LaMont was very expensive and they expressed the need to cut the project back and yet provide enough parking spaces to accommodate the Limp Lizard and the new deck. The Plan would be for White Water Pub to utilize Onondaga County Parks parking areas, as per the agreement in place between the Village of Liverpool and Onondaga County Parks.. There will be no shared parking with White Water Pub .

The preliminary plan presented tonight shows a driveway to the right side of White Water. Bill Reagan stated that there cannot be a driveway on that side of the White Water Pub.

Mr. Kosdroosky will meet with adjacent owners to discuss plans for this site. This will include meeting with JGB, John Gormel and Valerie LaMont.

Valerie LaMont will need to submit an application for this revised site plan before the Planning Board can act on the plan. They will let the Planning Board Clerk know when they are ready to be placed on a future agenda.

Sign Ordinance review

Code Officer Reagan sent the proposed changes to the Board regarding updating the sign ordinance to include modern technology, such as LED signs. The Village Sign Ordinance does not currently address this type of sign.

Chairman Ostuni stated that two board members, that are not present tonight, commented on the changes to the sign ordinance. Michael LaMontagne commented via email to allow LED sign as a window sign OR as a freestanding sign. Peter Osborne commented via email stated that he is not in favor of digital signage and feels it should not be included in the sign code. He feels that digital signage gives the wrong appearance for the Village and referenced the Village Master Plan.

Chairman Ostuni asked the Board members for their comments:

Tom Tartaglia commented that the hours of illumination will need to be addressed. He suggested that 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM or a half hour after closing may work. If the hours of operation go beyond 10:00 PM, the hours of illumination would need to be reviewed. He suggested that the code allow window LED sign but not free standing.

James Taft commented that the code should allow digital signs. The option should be free standing or a window LED sign

Gas stations may need extra language in the Code. They state their prices for gas but also advertise products in their windows.

Attorney Langey stated the proposed changes are good for now and that the basis for the changes are good.

John Eallonardo stated that he took pictures of the signs in the Village and commented that there are a lot of ugly signs and a lot of buildings with a lot of signs. He stated that the Village needs to do something about the visual assault going on with signs. He commented that he did not agree with no digital signs being allowed.

Attorney Langey stated that the rules for signs have to be straightforward and laid out carefully. If the Village wants to permit digital signs , then the applicant may have to give up some of their other signs.

Chairman Ostuni stated that a well written sign code will eliminate issues. The Planning board could review the entire sign ordinance or proceed with the LED digital language as proposed in the draft. Chairman Ostuni stated that he feels the Village should modernize the sign code.

The consensus of the Board is to permit a digital sign in place of a wall, roof or projecting sign.

Bill Reagan stated that he knows the Fire Department will be submitting a request for digital signage . The Liverpool Fire Department is in a residential area and this issue needs to be addressed before the application is received.

The Planning Board needs to send a formal recommendation to the Village Board regarding the changes to the sign ordinance. This will be on the June Planning Board agenda.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Tom Tartaglia , seconded by James Taft, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Sims
Alternate Planning Board Secretary