

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION

Village Hall Auditorium

Monday, August 15, 2022

Meeting Minutes #2022-6

I. ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Chairman Pro Tem: Bill Lundy

B. Members:

Dave Bennett	Mike Moriarty
Drew Butler	Rich Piazza (<i>ABS</i>)
Tom Duhig	Vernon Zumhagen (<i>ABS</i>)
Bill Lundy	

C. Staff: Don McKenna, Manager Engineering, Planning & Development

Kevin Casey Village Attorney (*ABS*)
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lundy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Duhig to select Commissioner Lundy as Chairman Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler.

Voice vote: All in favor, aye; All opposed, none.

Motion passes.

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes #2022-5 dated June 20, 2022 was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Duhig.

Roll call: Bennett, yes; Butler, abstain; Duhig, yes; Lundy, yes; Moriarty, abstain.

Motion passes: 3-0-2.

The Oath was administered by Commissioner Lundy.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Pet. #2022-16 – Request for a Historical Designation for a butterfly garden at 9628 S. Mason, Leslie Robin Suda, Petitioner

The petitioner was not present.

Commissioner Lundy asked staff if the discussion could proceed without the petitioner. Mr. McKenna stated that the Commissioners could discuss the petition or table the item. The Commissioners decided to move forward with the discussion.

Commissioner Moriarty stated that the petitioner's paperwork appears to lack any basis for why the property should be designated. Commissioner Duhig agreed, saying that granting a historic designation to a resident's yard does not make sense. The same was

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION
Village Hall Auditorium
Monday, August 15, 2022
Meeting Minutes #2022-6

stated by Commissioner Butler. He expressed that the petitioner's paperwork confused him.

Commissioner Lundy said all residents have the right to present their case but in addition to the petitioner not providing the qualifications of a historic designation, he expressed his concerns of the condition of the front of the property. He believes that the Village Property Department should address the resident's maintenance issues. Commissioner Lundy commented that the grass is overgrown and that there are obvious issues. He went on to say that Ms. Suda's heart is in the right place, but a historical designation would be inappropriate for this property.

Mr. Greg Lubinski, 5311 W. Mint Julip Drive Alsip, Illinois

Mr. Lubinski shared copies of letters that the petitioner has sent around the neighborhood. He expressed that sadly the petitioner has been mentally unstable for the past 20 years.

Mr. Michael Vopinek, 9609 Mason Oak Lawn, Illinois

Mr. Vopinek said he has lived in his home for over 38 years. He expressed that he has to look at the subject property all the time. Mr. Vopinek pointed out that the backyard is overgrown with weeds and also has a dilapidated fence. Mr. Vopinek asked about the notification to the residents as it relates to this petition. Mr. McKenna clarified that this type of petition only necessitates notification of the abutting properties. Commissioner Lundy asked staff how the neighbors should address the property maintenance issues. Mr. McKenna advised the residents in attendance to contact our Property Maintenance Division.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butler to deny Pet. #2022-16 – Request for a Historical Designation for a butterfly garden at 9628 S. Mason, Leslie Robin Suda, Petitioner

Roll call: Bennett, yes; Butler, yes; Duhig, yes; Lundy, yes; Moriarty, yes.

Motion to deny passes: 5-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

A.) Chairman: *None.*

B.) Members: *Commissioner Lundy expressed his continued concerns about Style Exterior's fence on Rumsey. He voiced concerns about what petitioners promise during discussions. He remarked that Style Exteriors only added netting to the front fence and it does not look acceptable. He said that he is unsure about our options. Commissioner Moriarty said he believes that the petitioners did what they said they would do and added a new fence to part of the property. Deanne said she can pull the Meeting Minutes of that meeting. Commissioner Lundy said there might not be any recourse if a stipulation was not added in the motion.*

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION

Village Hall Auditorium

Monday, August 15, 2022

Meeting Minutes #2022-6

Commissioner Lundy also expressed his continued concerns with Ghosein's Auto Repair shop on 95th Street. He said there are several cars parked on the property. He recalled Commissioner Bennett's concerns of the business having a significant number of cars parked on the property. He went on to say that they still have not added landscaping as promised.

- C.) Staff: *Deanne reminded the Commissioners of the Special Meeting scheduled on Monday, August 29th. Mr. McKenna said the agenda will include an amendment on short-term rentals.*

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Duhig and seconded by Commissioner Butler.

Voice vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.