

Planning Board Minutes of February 23, 2016

Present:

Brian W. Murray, Chairman
Mary Jane Shonn
Robert Anderson
Gregg Brown
Darrin Folger
Andrew Borden - Village Attorney
Michael Borth - Code Enforcement Officer

Absent:

Daniel Kowalik

Meeting Began: 7:01 pm.

Chairman Murray opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone and a thank you to those who attended the presentation by Williamsville Mayor Brian Kulpa also employed by Clark Patterson Lee on February 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Shonn and seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of January 19, 2016. Carried unanimously

Amy Kumpf – Photography Shop – 97 Main Street

New tenant Amy Kumpf and building owner Joan Summe came before the Planning board to gain approval for a new business permit for a Photography Shop located at 97 Main Street. Amy explained that she has run her business out of her home and scheduled meetings with clients at different sites such as Tim Hortons and McDonalds and would like an office space for her meetings and sales. Most of her photo shoots which include everything but weddings will be off premises at her clients preferred location. She is hoping to open her shop by March 1, 2016. Code Enforcement Officer Borth asked if she would be making any changes to the space. Amy said the only thing she will be doing is hanging a sign in the window. Code Enforcement Officer Borth stated that just last year the building had completed updates to comply with New York State Code.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Anderson and seconded by Folger to approve the new business permit for a Photography shop located at 97 Main Street as presented. Carried unanimously

Brown/Forrestel Land “Swap” – Bloomingdale Avenue

Mr. Brown came before the Board to explain the land “swap” between the Forrestel property on Bloomingdale Avenue and his property on Eckerson Avenue which are connected. Both parties received a block of property that helps square off the original parcels to make a more conforming piece. Both parties presented deeds that state the new parcel will be merged with the existing parcel.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Shonn to approve the land separation as presented between Gregg Brown and the Forrestel Estate located on Bloomingdale Avenue and Eckerson Avenue. Carried with one abstention

Miscellaneous:

Chairman Murray reported that he had a discussion with Mayor Patterson regarding forming a new committee to move forward with code changes such as were presented in the presentation by Williamsville Mayor Brian Kulpa on February 1, 2016. He stated that the committee would consist of Village Board Members, Planning Board Members, Zoning Board of Appeals Members and possibly a few residents.

Planning Board Member Shonn stated that in conjunction with the new committee maybe the Comprehensive Plan should be part of that review. Chairman Murray stated that he has suggested the review before and has since researched further and found that the Comprehensive Plan was done jointly with the Town of Newstead over 20 years ago and really should be reviewed every five years. Copies of the Comprehensive Plan will be distributed to all Members at the next Planning Board meeting.

Village Attorney Borden stated that a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 for 2016 – Amending Schedule A was held last night at the Village Board Meeting. Several residents urged the Board to carefully consider their decision. The Board tabled their decision until the next Village Board meeting scheduled for March 7, 2016. Further discussion was held regarding the proposed law and how the updated amendment could work with the proposed new code changes dealing with style and look of building in relation to the neighborhood they would be built in.

Also, at the Village Board meeting Village Attorney Borden reported that Nathan Witkowski from 8 Bloomingdale discussed setback and frontage issues on his Bloomingdale Avenue property. The Board recommended Mr. Borth to invite Mr. Witkowski to the next Planning Board meeting to further review the issues.

Mr. Borth gave an update regarding Greg Papke’s apartment project. Mr. Borth reported that after further inspection the old church building has a vast amount of asbestos and Mr. Papke has put the project on hold at this time.

Planning Board Member Shonn reported that Dave Glian at 27 Jackson Street appears to be building some kind of shelter in the rear of the property and asked Code Enforcement Officer Borth to check it out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M. on a motion from Anderson and seconded by Brown. Carried Unanimously

Next Planning Board meeting: Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Submitted by:

Brian W. Murray, Planning Board Chairman