

VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF: PLAN COMMISSION
DATE: JUNE 8, 2010
MINUTES RECORDED BY: MIKE SALVI

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Chair, Susy Rein, introduced Arnold Thomas as a new member of the Plan Commission.

Roll Call - Present

Susy Rein, Chair
Jim Kaiser
Phil LaGro
Mike Salvi
Dave Lindquist
Arnold Thomas
Absent: Jim Merkel

Staff: Donna Lobaito, CAO, Gary Scharringhausen, Police Commander

II. Approval of the Minutes

Phil LaGro recommended amendments, to wit:

In Section IV, paragraph 2, the last sentence should read "Phil LaGro questioned the timeframes when an RV can be parked on resident's property and commented that he suggested that time periods during the week, as well as weekends should be considered, because there are senior citizens and other residents who have the flexibility to travel, prep and set-up on other days."

Also, the motion for the public hearing changing all references to the Plan Commission or the Architectural Review Commission to the Planning, Building and Zoning Commission should read: "Motion to recommend approval of staff's recommendation of approval of Amending Title 9, changing all references to the Plan Commission or the Architectural Review Commission to the newly created Planning, Building and Zoning Commission."

Motion with the aforesaid amendments Phil LaGro moved for approval of the Minutes, seconded by Jim Kaiser. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. Department Head Report

Donna Lobaito conveyed her report as Chief Administrative Officer on various matters and issues being addressed by the Village including but not limited to:

The Environmental Commission will be taking up various issues concerning wind turbines. The Village is reviewing and is in the process of drafting a new sign ordinance for consideration. Ms. Lobaito updated the Commission on various developments in the community and lastly, that the code amendment for the newly created Planning, Building and Zoning Commission would be going to the Village Board later this month.

IV. Public Hearing

A public hearing for consideration of amending title 9, regarding the sale of recreational vehicles on private property was continued from the meeting of May 11, 2010. The hearing was reopened.

Donna Lobaito reminded the Commission that the limited issue before it was whether to recommend approval of ordinance concerning RV's and similar vehicles for sale, not generally when or for how long RV's can be parked in a resident's driveway.

Deputy Chief Scharringhausen offered various observations and comments concerning the ability to enforce the proposed ordinance and any possible changes to the ordinance as may be considered by the Commission. He answered all of the Commissioner's questions concerning past practices and procedures of the Police Department in handling possible or actual violation of ordinances concerning RV's, boats, etc., which may be for sale or simply parked on private property.

It was suggested that the Public Safety and Judicial Committee may want to consider amending the code to allow for recreational vehicles to be parked on private property for a certain number of days per year without permit as opposed to Fridays through Mondays as some felt this policy favored individuals who vacation on weekends and did not take into consideration and penalized those who may be retired or not working. Ms. Lobaito stated she would pass this suggestion on to the Chief of Police, and that she would ask the village website developers from Civic Plus about the possibility of issuing RV parking permits to residents via the village web site (which residents can print like an airline boarding pass), with corresponding e-mail notifications sent to the police department.

The Plan Commission considered this language as an alternative to that proposed by Staff: "The parking of any motorized vehicle or recreational vehicle displayed for sale within the Village shall be prohibited."

Motion by David Lindquist to close the public hearing. Seconded by Phil LaGro. Motion passed upon unanimous vote.

Motion made by Arnold Thomas to approve the aforesaid language, subject to review by the Village Attorney. Seconded by Mike Salvi. Motion passed upon a unanimous vote.

V. Old Business

None this month.

VI. New Business

None this month

VII. Discussion Item

None this month.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Jim Kaiser to adjourn then Plan Commission meeting, seconded by Arnold Thomas. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.