

Approved:
McMahon/Nelson

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
PLAN COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2012
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 P.M.**

Chairman Byrnes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in Memorial Hall, the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

PRESENT: Chairman Byrnes, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Stifflear, Commissioner Cashman, Commissioner McMahon and Commissioner Johnson

ABSENT: Commissioner Sullins, Commissioner Brody and Commissioner Crnovich

ALSO PRESENT: Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner and Gina Hassett, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes

The Plan Commission reviewed the minutes from the February 8, 2012 meeting. Commissioner McMahon motioned to approve the minutes of February 8, 2012. Commissioner Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Findings and Recommendations

A-37-2011 – Village of Hinsdale – Text Amendment to Section 12-206 (Definitions), as it relates to the definition of “Attached Garage”. Chairman Byrnes provided a brief summary of the discussion that took place on this agenda item at the last Plan Commission meeting and highlighted the findings and recommendations that were included based on these discussions. Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the findings and recommendations for A-37-2011 – Village of Hinsdale – Text Amendment to Section 12-206 (Definitions), as it relates to the definition of “Attached Garage”. Commissioner Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

A-05-2012 – 49 S. Washington Street – Special Use to Allow a Physical Fitness Facility (Pilates) on the Second Floor (Transcript of the following Public Hearing on file).

Chairman Byrnes introduced the case and asked if the applicant was present.

Tiziana Buzzi, owner and applicant of the Pilates Studio, introduce herself and provided a brief history of pilates and a summary of her request.

General discussion ensued regarding pilates and how the applicant’s business would operate.

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Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve case A-05-2012 – 49 S. Washington Street – Special Use to Allow a Physical Fitness Facility (Pilates) on the Second Floor. Commissioner Cashman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Exterior Appearance/Site Plan Review

500 W. Hinsdale Avenue (Community Pool) – Village of Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Dept. – Site Plan/Exterior Appearance Approval for Fence Replacement.

Chairman Byrnes asked Gina Hassett, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, to summarize the request.

Ms. Hassett provided a brief summary and explained what was being proposed and why the community pool needed a new fence.

Commissioner McMahon questioned how the installation of a new fence would impact the existing landscape.

Ms. Hassett explained how the fence would be installed and that there was no concern.

General discussion ensued regarding the appearance of both the new and existing fence, and most Commissioners agreed the new fence would be a big improvement.

Chairman Byrnes disagreed and indicated that he liked the fence the way it currently existed. He also questioned the cost of the proposed fence.

Ms. Hassett identified the choices that were considered and the respective prices, identifying the proposed chain link as the most reasonable option.

Commissioner Stifflear confirmed where chain-link fences were permitted and whether the Parks and Rec Commission gave any consideration to the proximity of the chain link to residential properties.

Ms. Hassett responded indicating that they had not and explained how the process got her to this point.

General discussion ensued regarding alternative materials and the costs associated with the proposed fence.

Commissioner Stifflear explained that while his opposition was not as strong as Chairman Byrnes, he had some concerns with the material abutting the residential properties.

Commissioner Nelson stated that he had seen this style and color of fence being used other places and that the fence almost “disappears” in terms of appearance. He also identified the safety considerations and indicated that he had no concerns with the request.

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Commissioner Cashman agreed and indicated that another safety consideration that was likely not considered when the original fence was installed and should have been was that of grounding the fence. He indicated that a vinyl coated fence would not require grounding however he suggested that when Parks and Rec went out for bids, they consider including the cost for bonding the fence as well so that the fence could withstand the elements more effectively. He then voiced his support for the proposal.

Ms. Hassett indicated they would certainly do that. She then summarized some of the additional concerns the Department had with existing fence.

Chairman Byrnes offered some final thoughts regarding his position and asked for a motion.

Commissioner Nelson motioned for the approval of Exterior Appearance for the Fence Replacement at 500 W. Hinsdale Avenue (Hinsdale Community Pool). Commissioner Cashman seconded. The motion passed 5-1 with the following vote; Ayes: Commissioner Stifflear, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner McMahon, Commissioner Cashman and Commissioner Nelson. Nays: Chairman Byrnes.

Commissioner Nelson motioned to disapprove the Site Plan for the Fence Replacement at 500 W. Hinsdale Avenue (Hinsdale Community Pool). Commissioner Cashman seconded. The motion failed unanimously and the site plan was approved.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cashman seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on March 14, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner