

Committee of the Whole
July 16, 2012
7:00 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on Monday July 18, 2012 in the Lemont Police Department Training Room at 14600 127th St. in Lemont, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Blatzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. after the regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting and acknowledged that the following were present:

Trustees Paul Chialdikas, Ron Stapleton, Rick Sniegowski, Jeanette Virgilio and Cliff Miklos. Mayor Reaves was absent

Also present were Village staff members Ben Wehmeier, James Brown, Charity Jones, Ed Buettner, Mark LaChappell, George Schafer, Chief Kevin Shaughnessy, Ralph Pukula, and Village Attorney Jeffery Stein.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation from Keepataw Days Festival, Inc

The Keepataw Days Festival group gave a brief presentation on the upcoming Keepataw Days festival to take place Labor Day weekend. There is not much changing for the event. The main challenges for the event would be covering the costs of running the event, to include the cost of the officers and public works. There was limited discussion, as there wasn't much that would be changing with the event.

Discussion of St. Alphonsus Sign Variation

The owner of the property is requesting a variation from the UDO to allow an internally illuminated monument sign for the church. The sign is already up and externally laminated, but he would like the ability to turn on the sign from within. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff have recommended a denial of the request. There was a good deal of discussion on the request. Some of the Trustees thought the internally lit sign looks better than the external one, and others were against internally signs altogether. The Mayor was absent but he would not be needed in a vote anyway since the P&Z recommended denial. For the item to pass it would need 4 of the 6 trustees approve the request. The item was part of an overall sign debate that will be rectified in a series of future meetings to further amend the sign code. Discussion was closed on the item; the item would be up for approval at a future meeting.

Discussion of Electronic Message Center (LED) Signs

Mr. Brown gave a presentation on the issue concerning electronic message signs. There are certain areas of town in which the signs are authorized as well as restrictions on size, movement of material and color. The Planning & Zoning Commission attempted to come up with a recommendation for changes to the code, but was unable to agree on what changes to make. There was considerable debate on the topic. After a lengthy debate, it was decided that another meeting would need to be called with the Village Board and the Planning & Zoning Commission to come up with guidelines that everyone can live with and doesn't bog down staff with constant variation requests. The meeting would be scheduled in the coming weeks. Discussion closed.

Discussion of on-Street Disabled Parking

A request that staff receives periodically is a disabled parking spot in front of their home. Currently there are a number of areas of town in which there is on-street parking that is labeled as disabled parking. There are no requirements or policies that govern these parking spaces. Staff will be coming up with policies and protocol on these requests in the coming months and tracked accordingly. Discussion closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No Audience Participation

ADJOURNMENT

Debby Blatzer adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM