

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Pritchard called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Chairman Robert Pritchard, Sharlene Thomason, Rebecca Von Drasek , Jennifer Klambauer, Steve Kreitzer, Matt Bish, Quorum Established.

ABSENT:

John McFarland

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk, Elizabeth Losiniecki, Trustee, Mike Constant, & Members of the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:

No Minutes Were Presented

ROLL CALL VOTE:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

McFarland Resignation & Search for Successor

John McFarland resigned, but as of this meeting it is not official. Chairman Pritchard asked the members to think of people to join the board.

Discussion of Ordinance Regarding Sidewalks

Chairman Pritchard advised nowhere in the village sidewalk ordinance do they require sidewalks, but Casey's and Dollar General will design sidewalks for their business.

Member Kreitzer mentioned (in reference to Casey's & Dollar General) that the requirement is to have sidewalks on both sides of the street, but there are other businesses that don't have sidewalks on both sides & asked if Those businesses are grandfathered.

Member Von Drasek related that CH 74 is already the regulation; the village may talk to property owners and ask if they would put in sidewalks.

Member Klambauer asked if it would be appropriate just to ask the developer to construct sidewalks.

Clerk Losiniecki advised her communication with Dollar General is that IDOT won't do sidewalks until an all-encompassing plan is completed by the village. .

Clerk Losiniecki further advised that she received an email from Travis Munn (Dollar General) that IDOT will not approve a sidewalk plan as part of their submittal and will not allow a sidewalk on their (IDOT) property and strongly oppose a sidewalk on private property. Clerk Losiniecki has emailed the representative from IDOT but has not received a response.

Member Von Drasek related if IDOT has reasons not to install sidewalks that could be the end of discussion unless there are improvements.

Chairman Pritchard asked the members if there is a sentiment to have the village board follow thru with the sidewalk ordinance.

At the end of the discussion Chairman Pritchard related, to say the sidewalk ends at Dollar General is meaning less & precludes another retail businesses going east which was thought to be an industrial area.

Discussion of Ordinance Regarding Landscaping

Steven Kreitzer reviewed four municipalities land scaping ordinance:

Sugar Grove:

Breaks down business districts, different specs for different businesses ie: screen requirements, heights of trees etc. In the shopping district they address types of trees and shrubs.

Waterman:

Addresses interior parking lot landscaping requirements i.e.: Parking Aisle landscaping Islands, Parking Space Landscape Island, Full Parking Space Landscape Island & Partial Landscape Island.

Batavia:

Under letter "N" Perimeter Landscape Area Planting Standards addresses the issue that all landscaping is tidy and looks nice.

Naperville:

Address types and heights of trees, so to maintain line of sight going in and out of businesses.

Chairman Pritchard stated the village of Hinckley tree ordinance address types and heights of trees.

Von Drasek related that IDOT has a list of allowable street trees.

Von Drasek advised the municipality where she works are eliminating landscape islands from the ordinance.

Steven Kreitzer advised he primarily focused on business development.

Discussion of Pole Signs

Chairman Pritchard asked the members if they should consider a text amendment for pole signs. Trustee Constant related he believes when the ordinance was drafted it was created avoid any more signs like 84 Lumber and to have monument style signs. He further related that the current ordinance allows you to control a proposal of a future sign. Trustee Constant

further related business can still request a variance if they wish to install a pole sign. Von Drasek asked if the Village of Hinckley receives any complaints about signs? Clerk Losiniecki advised that the only complaint was at the old Meyer's landscape building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of East Lincoln Ave. Safety Issues

Chairman Pritchard read a letter drafted by the school Superintendent in summary reads he is concerned with foot traffic crossing Rt. 30 when the Dollar General & Casey's are built. Trustee Constant advised the board is concerned about the foot traffic and will continue to pursue a safer passage. Chairman Pritchard stated he would like sidewalks to the truck sales center and the self-storage facility.

Discussion of Casey's Application

Chairman Pritchard related Casey's is attempting to speed up the processes. Chairman Pritchard asked is Casey's was going to address land scaping & it appears they will be putting in some landscaping.

Steven Kreitzer advised he would like to see the Casey's mirror the Dollar General Landscaping

Discussion of Updates to Comprehensive Plan

Chairman Pritchard ask the members if they could assist in doing research for the comprehensive plan. Chairman Pritchard would like to use census data.

PLANNING COMMISION COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES, OTHER INFORMATION:

Von Drasek asked if there was a discussion about the sales signs being displayed at Casey's

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Menz:

Stated there should be no question about sidewalks and if Casey's is modeled after the Waterman store he is concerned about semis parked on the side of the road.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Steven Kreitzer made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Rebecca Von Drasek.

MAJORITY VOTE:

Chairman Pritchard-Aye, Sharlene Thomason-Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek-Aye, Jennifer Klambauer-Aye, Steven Kreitzer-Aye, Motion Carried Meeting Adjourned.

Chairman, Robert Pritchard

Deputy Clerk, John P. Weibler

