

VILLAGE OF NORTH PEKIN

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NORTH PEKIN, ILLINOIS, 61554

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

A scheduled meeting of the North Pekin Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Mike Johnson at 7:02 PM Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at the North Pekin Village Hall. There was an agenda for this meeting.

Present: Mike Johnson, Bill Gordon, Shawn Landrith, Dick Moon, Sharon Rast, and Ken Simmons.

Absent:

Also present: Steve Flowers, Village President.

Deborah Landrith, Village Clerk.

Eric Vickery, resident and Special Use permit holder.

Bryce Heilman

Bill Gordon was introduced as a new member of this Commission. Bill has previously been a member, and was Village Zoning Officer at one time. We are happy to have him return to P&Z.

Minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting of this Commission, including minutes of two Special Use hearings and a recommendation letter to the North Pekin Board were approved as written.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Permits issued since last report:

#1257: Robert St Clair, 206 Elm, room addition

Mike displayed a recently designed placard that will be given to holders of Special Use permits. This placard has information pertaining to that person's permit in particular and will serve to validate the holder's Special Use Permit should the need arise.

Mike has recently obtained a list of seven North Pekin residents who are listed with the Illinois Department of Revenue as having a state tax revenue license. Mike will contact these folks soon to determine their status for possible Special Use Permit violations.

The latest version of the Village Zoning Map was briefly passed among Commission members, with no more corrections noted. This map will be given to Patrick Meyers, who will then present it to the Village Board as the official Zoning Map for North Pekin.

A first draft of a suggested rewrite of Title 10, Chapter 7A, titled "B-2 Business and Commercial District" was distributed to the Commission. This suggested rewrite was prepared by Mayor Flowers. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dick Moon, second by Sharon Rast, that members study this document for further refinement and be prepared to discuss it in detail at the March Commission meeting. The motion was adopted 5-0.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE BOARD: None

OLD BUSINESS: The topic of allowing holders of Special Use Permits to advertise their business with a sign in their yard or on a building on their property generated a long discussion among the Commission members and the audience. While there was a detailed proposal for allowing signs (with a provision for lighted signs) in the hands of Commission members, comments from Eric Vickery, a Special Use Permit holder, and other audience members, and discussion by the Commission evolved to a point of no decision. Because of this, the Commission decided to table this matter and allow the current Title 10, Chapter 10 titled "Nonconforming Uses; Special Permits", which specifically disallows signs by holders of Special Use Permits, to continue in effect.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike made two announcements to Commission members:

1) The Planet-X skating rink on Route 98 is holding a free Skate Night for all North Pekin officials, employees, volunteers and families on Sunday, February 28, 2010, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. An advance head count is desired.

2) There will be a meeting held by the Tazewell County Zoning Commission at 101 S. Capital in Pekin, starting at 6:00 PM on March 2, 2010. The public is invited to discuss the workings of the Commission and any specific topics that may be desired.

The next meeting of this Commission will be Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Moon, Secretary