



## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

November 18, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Village of Lake In the Hills

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Chairman Joe DeMay called to order at 7:30 p.m. the meeting of the Lake in the Hills Planning and Zoning Commission.

### ROLL CALL

Commissioners Joe DeMay, Anna Siakel, Greg Walker, John Murphy, Michael Esposito, Suzanne Artinghelli, and Brent Borkgren were present. Also in attendance were Community Services Director Fred Mullard, Trustee Bill Dustin, and Administrative Specialist Laura Pekovic.

### APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Joe DeMay indicated that the October 14, 2019 meeting minutes should include Trustee Ray Bogdanowski's attendance at that meeting. Commissioner Artinghelli made a motion to make that change and approve the Commission meeting minutes of October 14, 2019, and Commissioner Esposito seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS--None**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**ITEM FOR DISCUSSION – Sign Ordinance Changes**

Tonight's meeting was to discuss temporary signs. Mr. Darrell Garrison, with Planning Resources, attended to assist in amending the Village's existing sign ordinance.

Mr. Garrison addressed the Commission. He indicated that temporary signs do have informational value to the community. The issues that need to be addressed are placement and enforcement.

Blade/Feather Banners—Mr. Garrison outlined the options pertaining to height, size, private property setbacks, conditions, and number of them on the property. He made some recommendations and comparisons to the surrounding communities. There was discussion among the Commission regarding feather banner locations currently during the moratorium, pros and cons of having them displayed, possible allowances, guidelines, restrictions, and value to the community. The consensus of the Commission was to allow feather banners with restrictions. There was also discussion to allow certain temporary signs with restrictions, to be handled by Staff with no variation required.

Real Estate Signs/Free Standing Yard Signs--Mr. Garrison outlined the locations, size, and time restrictions of these types of signs. There was discussion among the group about different sign types, current Village ordinances, restrictions, allowances, realtor feedback, resident need, number of signs, and surrounding community ordinances. Director Mullard indicated that he has received feedback from realtors that Open House signs have value. Neighboring communities say real estate signs can be displayed but must be removed in a certain period.

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Frame Signs/Portable Signs – Mr. Garrison outlined the types of signs and where they are typically located. There was discussion among the group, and the consensus was that they would like to see them allowed since they do have value to the business and are not obtrusive.

Inflatable Signs/Air Activated Sign – Mr. Garrison gave examples these types of signs. There was discussion among the group and the Commissioners felt they should not be allowed at all.

Window Sign/Custom See-Through Signs – Mr. Garrison reviewed the types of signs, their visibility limits, and the purpose of allowing visual access for the Police Department. These are the newest trending signs and they not addressed in the in any surrounding municipality sign ordinance. Director Mullard indicated that Chief David Brey was asked for his input regarding these types of signs. It was Chief Brey's recommendation that these signs should not to block the view from the outside of the cashier, and 24-hour businesses need to have visual access through the window.

There was discussion among the group that these types of signs need to have some guidelines and restrictions for intensity and colors, graphic size, and possibly make these types a Conditional Use. Lake in the Hills would be one of the first to create an ordinance regarding these types of signs.

**STAFF REPORT** – Director Mullard informed the Commission that all four items recommended by the Planning & Commission in October 2019 were passed by the Village Board. Those items were as follows: 25 Roosevelt fence variation, 9256 Trinity Drive conditional use and variation, 290 North Randall Road drive-through conditional use, and the ordinance allowing cannabis business establishments.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – None

**TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT** – None

Commissioner Siakle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Borkgren. All in favor voted Aye. Chairman DeMay adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The next Lake in the Hills Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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