

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Bruce Boreson, Chairman Mark Cwik, Frank Grieshamer, Kathy Mennella, Rafael Nunez, George Snarski, Lisa Manzo (Secretary), Village Attorney Matt Welch, Eric Richard (Village Planner), and Zoe Heidorn (Village Planner). Absent: Gil Snyder.
3. Member Grieshamer made a motion to accept the amended minutes of July 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Member Mennella and approved to place them on file as presented.
4. New Business: ZBA 15-11
Text Amendment- Regulation of Driveway Design
The Village of Franklin Park
9500 W. Belmont Avenue

Chairman Cwik stated that this hearing is for a Text Amendment to Franklin Park Zoning Code Section 9-8-3 of Franklin Park regarding the regulation of driveway design.

Member Grieshamer made a motion to enter in any and all department reports, memos, new and revised reports and testimony into the record. Member Mennella seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was carried.

Chairman Cwik called the petitioner up at this time. He asked if she can sign in and be sworn in. Ms. Zoe Heidorn, petitioner, came forward. She signed in and was sworn in.

Ms. Heidorn gave a brief presentation for this prospective text amendment stating based on feedback from industrial and commercial site designers and Village Engineers, the current width requirements are a challenge to the design of driveways serving large semi-trucks and unique traffic flow scenarios. In order to better accommodate the high volume of large trucks in the Village, it is important that designers have the flexibility to provide ingress and egress design that does not impede truck access and maneuverability. Like all street design efforts, designing for safe and efficient traffic movement should be completed on a case-by-case basis.

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In order to better accommodate for truck traffic in the industrial and commercial districts and the unique needs of different businesses in the Village, staff recommends amending section 9-8-3 to read as follows:

“(f) *Design and maintenance.* (5) *Access parking.* (i) The design of vehicular ingress and egress driveways from residences other than detached single-family residences and from all other districts shall be approved by a Village engineer and the Zoning Administrator.”

The design of driveway widths, turning radii and other ingress and egress features will be at the discretion of the Village Engineer and Zoning Administrator. Working together, the Village Engineer and Zoning Administrator will ensure that the site designer provides safe and accessible ingress and egress driveways that account for the needs of the user, surrounding neighbors and the Village.

Chairman Cwik opened this hearing to the public at this time. Chairman Cwik stated that since no public came forward, he closed public session.

Board Discussion began at 7:09 p.m.

There was minimum discussion regarding this hearing. The members discussed this proposed text amendment at this time and asked for clarity in certain sections.

Board Discussion ended at 7:10 p.m.

Member Grieshamer made a motion to “approve ZBA 15-11 for a Text Amendment to Franklin Park Zoning Code Section 9-8-3 of Franklin Park regarding the regulation of driveway design.” Member Mennella seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. Member Boreson-Yes; Member Nunez-Yes; Member Mennella-Yes; Member Snarski-Yes; Chairman Cwik-Yes; Member Grieshamer-Yes. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, One (1) Absent, Zero (0) Abstain. The motion was carried.

Chairman Cwik reminded the applicant that this is a recommending body and all final decisions will be made by the Village Board of Trustees.

Chairman Cwik thanked everyone for attending this evening.

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7. Staff Update:

Mr. Richard discussed with the members that the kick off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan was very successful on Tuesday, August 4th. He thanked the members for their participation.

Ms. Heidorn discussed the status of the quiet zone for the trains in Franklin Park.

8. Public Comment: None.

9. A motion was made by Member Grieshamer to adjourn the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was seconded by Member Mennella. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary