

Town of Lawrence
Proceedings of Planning and Zoning/Site Review Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Meeting Time 7:00PM – Town Hall 2595 French Road

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Klasen at 7:00PM.

Roll Call

Present: Mary Jo Kussow, Judy Benz, Skip Lee, Mike VandeHei, Brian Peterson, John Krawczyk
John Klasen; New Members: Tonya Wagner and Larry Boldt

1. Introduction to new Members

John Klasen introduced Tonya Wagner and Larry Boldt as new members to the Planning and Zoning Board. Tonya and Larry will replace John Klasen and Judy Benz. John Klasen, now serving as Town Chairman, is removing himself from the Board. Judy Benz has asked to be removed from the Board as a voting member and will remain as an advisory member. Mr. Al Toliver also has been appointed to the Board as an alternate but was not present at this meeting.

2. Approve Minutes from Meeting held on May 13, 2009

Motion was made by Brian Peterson to approve the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Board meeting held on May 13, 2009. Seconded by John Krawczyk. Motion carried.

3. Conceptual Plan for Isaiah 40 Ministry to be located on Lost Dauphin Road

Mr. Kip Detrie and his wife, Gini Detrie were present to propose a conceptual plan for a Christian ministry to be located on Lost Dauphin Road. Mr. Detrie explained that the ministry known as Isaiah 40 Ministry is a non-denominational, non-governmental and non-profit organization and is looking to construct a facility in the area. Mr. Detrie stated that the ministry does fund raisers mainly for projects and purposes in Israel. He stated that 5.5 million dollars has been pledged for the purpose of purchasing property and constructing a facility. Detrie said he has not yet met with any architects or engineers for the planning process but his vision is to have a site on the river to have pontoon rides and other activities for the youth, elderly and disabled. The site plan would consist of a chapel, recreational center, and swimming pool. He is anticipating approximately seven or eight employees on the site and would have no more than eighty visitors at any one time.

Skip Lee asked if other members were involved with the organization. Mr. Detrie said that it was he and his wife and it was getting to be too much for them to work out of their home. Mr. Lee asked who would continue the project in the event something would happen to them and what if this project would fail. Mr. Detrie said it would most likely be sold to another non-profit organization because they work under a non-profit 501C3 status. Mr. Detrie added that contributions would sustain the operations and he would like to see the project completed in the summer of 2010.

Mr. Detrie said their organization has raised funds for causes in Israel including DeFrock

Cribs which takes in unwed mothers, Hadaso Hospital which specializes in treating burn victims from terrorist attacks and Shuva Israel whereby Jewish people go to a settlement and teach judism.

John Klasen asked if they had spoken with anyone with Brown County or the DNR. Mr. Detrie said he has not done any research and that his first stop was with the Town. Mr. Klasen stated that this project may take many reviews from other agencies and many permits depending on what they plan to do. The likeliness of having a project like this completed by summer of 2010 would be very unlikely.

Judy Benz stated the property on the river has a high assessment value that would be removed from the tax roll with ownership by a non-profit organization. Benz asked if there was any other property that may be of interest to them. Mr. Detrie said he wants to be able to provide rides on the river.

Ms. Detrie said they are not looking for the Board to make any decisions at this time but wanted to introduce the concept. No action taken.

4. **Amendments to Fencing Ordinance**

Discussion was held on proposed amendments to the Fencing Ordinance. Additional amendments were suggested to include a definition to “good neighbor fence” and to add no bright colors and messages allowed on a fence. Judy Benz stated that she will incorporate the proposed amendments to the ordinance and send each member a final draft for comments prior to sending to the Town Board for approval. No action.

5. **Discussion on Zoning Ordinance Amendment to include Small Wind Turbines**

John Klasen indicated that the town needs to adopt a wind turbine ordinance. Model ordinances were provided to each member for review. It was suggested that they compile their ideas to discuss at a future meeting. No action.

6. **Election of Chairperson**

Mary Jo Kussow made a motion to nominate Skip Lee as Chairperson for the Planning and Zoning Board to replace Chairman John Klasen. Mr. Lee stated that he appreciates the nomination but declines. Skip made a motion to nominate Mary Jo Kussow as chairperson. Motion seconded by John Krawczyk. Motion carried and Mary Jo accepted the position.

7. **Public Comments**

None

8. **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Skip Lee to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mary Jo Kussow. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Judy Benz
Planning and Zoning Board