

**Village of Lily Lake
Plan Commission Minutes
Monday March 6, 2017**

1. Roll Call:

The Plan Commission was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson, Steve Zahn. Dan Turner, Tim Dell, Glenn Bork and, Ziad Awad were present.

Guests

Mae Strobel, Mike Carlson, and Rick Overstreet

2. Approve Agenda:

Motion to approve the meeting agenda for the March 6th, 2017 meeting by Glenn Bork, second by Dan Turner, all in favor.

3. Approve the Meeting Minutes from the February 6th, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 6th, 2017 Plan Commission meeting by Dan Turner, second by Tim Dell, all in favor.

4. Public Comment:

Mrs. Strobel asked if previous committee action concerning draft ordinances and draft modifications to ordinances were progressing.

5. New Business

a. Video Surveillance in Public Places

Chairman Steve Zahn reported that he will research 720 ILCS 5/26 – 4 concerning video surveillance. The intent of the research is to provide the Plan Commission with the State of Illinois' position on video surveillance and to determine if the Village should create an ordinance to address video surveillance. While the Village has no interest in conducting video surveillance, it is concerned with possibly curbing a growing public nuisance within community.

Glenn Bork noted that beyond the State statute, there should be other resources as the Right to Privacy Act that address video surveillance. Mr. Zahn will present the wording of 720 ILCS 5/26 – 4 and examples of existing ordinances at the April Plan Commission meeting. The Plan Commission will continue discussion at the April Plan Commission meeting.

6. Old business

a. M1, M2, B1, B2 Landscape Screening

The Plan Commission continued its discussion of landscaping screening in the business and manufacturing districts. It is understood that creating a green belt or screening zone, some amount of land between property owners would be secured for the planting of trees. Thus the proposed screening ordinance would need to include establishing easements at adjoining properties. Glenn Bork noted that an ordinance for landscape screening would be difficult to establish among the present landowners. Ziad Awad commented that anything reducing the amount of land for business use and therefore the amount of potential storage space would be opposed. Dan Turner noted that natural screening would also include selecting trees that maintain lower cover as they grow progressively older. Mr. Bork stated that trees used for natural screening must be planted with the bark side facing out.

Chairman Zahn concluded that natural screening issues will require additional discussion. Mr. Zahn offered an alternate concept of defining a fence produce that is eco-friendly and suited for commercial areas. This may offer a smaller screening footprint and perhaps provide a suitable level of visual isolation. Rick Overstreet asked that the Commission also include the business and manufacturing district along Wooley Road.

Discussion of landscape screening will continue at the April Plan Commission meeting.

b. Village Park/Building Landscaping Plan

Chairman Steve Zahn re-introduced the landscaping concept plan provided by Tim Dell. Possible funding sources and a planning process are necessary to see the completion of what would be a multi-year project. Mr. Dell began the landscape presentation, referring to the landscape concept plan. Mr. Dell emphasized that as the plan is formalized, the Village must begin the process of planning a limited number of small trees in designated locations this spring.

Glenn Bork objected having the Plan Commission begin another planning process that should clearly be conducted by a professional engineering firm and landscape architect. Mr. Bork noted that having a credible design will increase the potential for funding among the competitive grant environment. Dan Turner noted that the landscape concept plan should continue within Committee and perhaps the engineering firm would only be required to oversee the design of proposed drainage patterns. Ziad Awad commented that it would be best that a landscape architect lead the planning process. Rick Overstreet commented that the Commission consider consulting a staff conservationist with Campton Township as an additional planning resource.

Mr. Zahn noted that the Plan Commission has the role of planning projects and has had success with plans and projects conducted by the Plan Commission. Mr. Bork added that planning a project "in-house" does not allow external professional input and therefore directing the Village Board to accept a less than optimal project.

With a divided Plan Commission, Mr. Zahn commented that perhaps the time has come to continue the planning process through the use of professional services and avoid the risk of impeding the creative process. After further discussion, the Commission agreed to the following:

1. Mr. Zahn will contact several engineering firms and landscape architects for information concerning hourly rates and design fees. The information will be presented at the April Plan Commission meeting.
2. Mr. Zahn will request that \$500 be allocated for the immediate purchase of selected small trees to begin planting in a yet to be defined location within the Village campus but not to conflict with majority consideration.

The Commission will review design firm information and fees at the April Plan Commission meeting. It is anticipated that the Commission will select one or more possible professionals and request a presentation at future Plan Commission meetings. At future meetings, design professionals will be introduced to the landscape concept plan. At the Commission's request, professional services will be asked to quote planning and design of the landscape project.

c. Grant for Hazardous Weather Alert System

Chairman Steve Zahn reported that in light of limited available grant funding in 2017, the Hazardous Weather Alert System project is deferred to the 2018 grant funding year in the hope of finding a suitable funding source.

7. Adjourn:

Dan Turner motioned to adjourn the Plan Commission, second by Tim Dell, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.