PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE

Thursday, January 24, 2019
Maple Park Civic Center
302 Willow Street, Maple Park
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chuck Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following Commissioners were present: Chairman Chuck Miller, Commissioner Jeff Ramirez, Commissioner Kimberley Sutherland, Commissioner Lorenzo Catanag, Commissioner George (Nick) Davidson, Commissioner Kyle Foster. Absent: Commissioner Robert Rowlett.

Others present: Trustee Chris Higgins and Village Clerk Liz Peerboom.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Public Hearing – November 30, 2017

Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on November 30, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Miller opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Chairman Miller explained that the public hearing had been published in the Daily Chronicle on January 2, 2019. There was no one from the public that attended the public hearing.

Chairman Miller advised that Commission members could discuss the proposed changes and then there would be a time to vote at the end.
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**PROPOSED CODE CHANGES**

**a. ORDINANCE 2019-XX APPROVED SURFACES DEFINITION 7-4-3**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK, “MOTOR VEHICLES”, CHAPTER 4 “PARKING REGULATIONS,” BY ADDING SECTION 3 “TRAILER PARKING,” APPROVED SURFACES DEFINITION

Chairman Miller explained that this ordinance adds the definition of approved surface and unapproved surface, adding that it also adds a provision for a special use permit for semi permeable pavers designed for motor vehicle traffic. This would be added to Chapter 7-4-3 “Trailer Parking Prohibited.”

**b. ORDINANCE 2019-XX APPROVED SURFACES DEFINITION 11-9-3**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 9; SECTION 11-9-3 “ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS,” OF THE MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE, BY UPDATING THE DEFINITION FOR APPROVED SURFACES

Chairman Miller advised that this ordinance adds the same definition as was in Chapter 7-4-3, to Chapter 11-9-3 “Additional Parking Regulations.”

**c. ORDINANCE 2019-XX SOLAR ENERGY**

ADOPTING A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM ORDINANCE

Chairman Miller went over the proposed ordinance and Trustee Higgins went over the background of the ordinance. Trustee Higgins explained the difference between a “solar farm” and a “solar garden”.

Chairman Miller had a concern about the paragraph on page 6, under Permitted/Special Use, #2, beginning with the work however and ending with the word inspector. He felt that the village would want to have control over where a solar garden is installed and would want to keep this as a special use. Consensus was to strike the paragraph.

Commissioner Foster asked had questions about why this was brought up and Trustee Higgins advised that recently there has been interest in installing solar gardens. Commissioner Foster asked where the fees came from on page 6, and Trustee Higgins advised that this was taken from the ordinance that was passed in DeKalb County.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Miller closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve sending the Approved Surfaces Ordinance (7-4-3) to the Board of Trustees for approval, seconded by Trustee Davidson. Motion carried by voice vote.
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Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve sending the Approved Surfaces Ordinance (11-9-3) to the Board of Trustees for approval, seconded by Trustee Catanag. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commission Catanag made a motion to approve sending the Solar Energy Ordinance to the Board of Trustees for approval, seconded by Trustee Davidson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Miller advised that there was interest from the Village President to have the Planning Commission begin meeting every month to work on updating the zoning ordinance, and then the Comprehensive Plan. Clerk Peerboom advised that there was a possibility of a public hearing in the near future for a special use permit for the property located at 18663 County Line Road.

Clerk Peerboom will send the zoning ordinance to members of the Planning Commission, so they can begin the process of reviewing the ordinance. The Planning Commission will discuss possible changes at the February meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Catanag. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Liz Peerboom, CMC
Village Clerk

Planning Commission Members:
Chuck Miller, Chair
Lorenzo Catanag
George (Nick) Davidson
Robert Rowlett
Jeff Ramirez
Kimberly Sutherland
Chris Higgins (ex-officio member)