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MINUTES
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK
August 18, 2015
Village Hall
447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois
7:00 P.M.

1. Convene Meeting

Chairman Boyd convened the meeting of August 18th to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18th, 2015, in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

Committee Members Present:	Eric Boyd- Chairman Caroline Domagalski Jim Lee Christopher Studwell
Committee Members Absent:	Anthony Griffin William Lampert
Also Present:	Assistant Village Manager Emily Rodman Village Clerk Amanda Seidel Village Attorney Cathy Keating Fire Chief Dean Maggos

2. Public Comment

Chairman Boyd read the Rules for Public Comment with a limit of 3 minutes. Jim Mills of 213 Huntington Court commented on the need for paving of streets including Finsbury, Timber Lane, and Huntington. Assistant Village Manager Rodman commented that Finsbury and Pine Tree Lane will be paved in the fall of 2015 and she will look at the paving program and get back to him.

3. Approval of Minutes- July 21, 2015

Member Domagalski made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015. The motion was seconded by Member Studwell and passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Public Hearing 2015-05 to consider an Application for Variation for 1618 Finsbury Lane, La Grange Park

Chairman Boyd read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record and the court reporter transcribed the hearing verbatim. At the conclusion of the testimony, upon a motion by Commissioner Domagalski and seconded by Commissioner Studwell, the ZBA voted to close the public hearing.

Discussion began over whether the petitioner met the three standards for a variance: undue hardship, unique circumstances, and essential character of the locality. The petitioner's generator and the rear yard of the house were discussed. Member Lee commented that he did not feel the standards for a variance were met. Member Studwell mentioned how he was conflicted and how there are rules for a reason and at this time he does not see that a variance is absolutely necessary. Member Domagalski commented on the issue with follow-through with the petitioner and the Village, she also commented how she is sympathetic to the petitioner however does not want to set a precedent. Chairman Boyd commented how he thinks the 3 standards have been met due to there not being room at the back of the house for the generator. Chairman Boyd also reiterated to the petitioner that he could have presented a clearer case including pictures of the rear of the house. *At the end of discussion Member Domagalski made a motion to approve a variance for 1618 Finsbury Lane. Chairman Boyd seconded the motion. Boyd-YES Domagalski-YES Studwell-NO Lee-NO. Motion failed.*

There was a short delay due to the tornado warning and having to evacuate to the community room. Chairman Boyd reconvened the meeting at 8:20pm.

5. Public Hearing 2015-06 to consider an Application for Variation for 1480 Deerpath Lane, LaGrange Park

Chairman Boyd read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record and the court reporter transcribed the hearing verbatim.

There was a motion by Member Studwell to the Public Hearing until the next meeting to incorporate further testimony and feedback from the Village Engineer. The motion for continuance was seconded by Member Lee and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. Adjournment

When there was no further discussion Chairman Boyd asked for a motion to adjourn. *The motion to adjourn was made by Member Domagalski and seconded by Member Studwell. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously on a voice vote.* With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Boyd declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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