

**MINUTES
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK
September 16, 2014
Village Hall
447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois
7:00 P.M.**

Convene Meeting

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

Committee Members Present: Eric Boyd- Chairman
William Lampert
Caroline Domagalski
Christopher Studwell
Jim Lee
Anthony Griffin

Committee Members Absent: Jamie Zaura

Also Present: Village Clerk Amanda Seidel
Village Attorney Cathy Keating
Fire Chief Dean Maggos

Approval of Minutes-August 19, 2014

Chairman Boyd said the first item was the approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2014 meeting. Committee Member Lampert and Committee Member Lee pointed out that they were not present at the August 19th ZBA Meeting and the minutes need to be amended to reflect their absence. *Committee Member Lampert said "I move to approve the minutes of the August 19th, 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting as amended."* *Committee Member Domagalski seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

Public Comment

Chairman Boyd moved on to Public Comment. There was none.

Consider an Application from Community Park District requesting a site plan review to construct a new family shelter at Memorial Park.

Chairman Boyd moved on to the next item: Community Park District-Memorial Park Family Shelter-Site Plan Review. Roy Cripe from the Park District, John Vann the Landscape Architect and Mark Brown the shelter designer were all present at the evenings meeting to answer any questions. Roy Cripe discussed the timeline for the project. Committee Member Domagalski mentioned crosswalks to access Memorial Park. Discussion moved to the landscaping. Discussion moved to the surfacing of the play area. Discussion moved to the possibility of skylights and natural lighting at the shelter. At the end of discussion there was a *motion by Committee Member Studwell to approve the site plan application of the Community Park District of LaGrange Park-Memorial Park Family Shelter. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Domagalski. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

Public Hearing 2014-04 to consider an application for a Zoning Text Amendment for the requirements for Medical Cannabis dispensing Organizations.

Chairman Boyd moved on to the next item and convened the public hearing and introduced the matter. He incorporated the legal notice into the record of the hearing, summarized the request, and asked that all those in attendance wishing to testify rise and be sworn in. The court reporter administered the oath to those wishing to testify and transcribed the public hearing proceedings verbatim.

When there were no further questions or testimony to be presented, there was a *motion by Committee Member Domagalski to close the public hearing. The motion to close was seconded by Committee Member Lee and the hearing was closed at 8:27pm.*

The ZBA took a 5 minute recess and reconvened at 8:32pm. Discussion began regarding the Text Amendments for Medical Cannabis Dispensaries. Discussion moved to PUD's, signage, safety and security concerns. Concerns over changes in ownership and security were discussed. The difference between C1 and M1 were discussed, and reasons why M1 should be removed since retail use should not be incorporated with manufacturing use. The ZBA discussed the Ineligible Medical Marijuana Facility Parcels (Buffered) Map. Concerns over distance between children and dispensaries and public safety were discussed. Committee Member Griffin discussed his concerns with security and areas such as parks, libraries and forest preserves and the distance between dispensaries. Chief Maggos clarified occupancy license versus a business license and the requirements for both. Attorney Keating clarified and answered some questions of the ZBA regarding looking at applicants on a case by case basis as well as clarified the process.

Discussion moved to the "camiros" document regarding Zoning for the Illinois Medical Marijuana Bill. It was discussed to remove M-1 Districts from "District Permissions" paragraph on page 1 of the document. Discussion moved to a typo on page 2 under "T2" changing "that" to "than" in the second sentence. Discussion moved to Attorney Keating clarifying T3 of the document and adding "in a building containing residential dwellings, or" at the end of the first line of T3. Discussion moved to removing "also" from the last sentence of B3 on Page 3.

Committee Member Studwell made a motion to table the motion; the motion was seconded by Committee Member Domagalski. The motion to table was withdrawn by Committee Member Studwell. At the end of discussion Committee Member Domagalski made a motion to amend the Zoning Text Amendment for the Requirements for Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organizations to include the following 4 changes: remove M-1 Districts from “District Permissions” paragraph on page 1 of the document, changing a typo on page 2 under “T2” changing “that” to “than” in the second sentence, adding “in a building containing residential dwellings, or” at the end of the first line of T3, and removing “also” from the last sentence of B3 on Page 3.. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Lee. The motion to amend passed unanimously by roll call vote. The ZBA moved on to the next motion. Committee Member Domagalski made a motion to recommend approval to the Village Board of a Zoning Text Amendment as amended for the requirements for Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organizations. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Lee. Village Clerk Seidel called roll: Lee-yes, Lampert-yes, Studwell-yes, Griffin-no, Domagalski-yes, Boyd-yes. The motion passed 5 to 1.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was brought by Committee Member Lampert and seconded by Committee Member Lee. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by roll call vote. With no further business to come before the ZBA, Chairman Boyd declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk