



Village Of Homewood
Appearance Commission
March 3, 2016

Village Hall Board Room
2020 Chestnut Road
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members Pohrte and Beele and Chairman Wright were present. Member Hrymak arrived at 8:05 p.m. In attendance from the Village was Director of Economic and Community Development Tom Vander Woude. There was 1 person in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Wright asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of November 5, 2015. Member Pohrte made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2015 as presented; seconded by Member Beele.

AYES: Members Pohrte and Beele, and Chairman Wright

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Member Hrymak

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the audience.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Case No. 15-05, Village of Homewood – Sign Ordinance Amendments

Chairman Wright introduced the case and invited Staff Liaison Vander Woude to present the case.

Staff Liaison Vander Woude stated that proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance were previously brought before the Commission, with recommended adjustments incorporated in this document. He noted that the purpose of the changes were to improve the aesthetics of proposed signage in order to maintain the character of Homewood and to ensure public safety. One of the proposed changes is to limit the amount of signage covering a window to 25% of the total window area. Also, the amended ordinance would address the flag-type signs that are placed in the ground and inflatable signs.

Discussion ensued regarding the grandfathering in of non-conforming signs created by these amendments. Staff Liaison Vander Woude stated he would speak with the Village Attorney to review the logistics of a grandfather clause.

As to rope lights, the proposed amendments clarify that such lighting is not permitted, with two exceptions, those being holiday lighting and architectural lighting.

MEETING MINUTES

Member Hrymak arrived at 8:05 p.m.

Staff Liaison Vander Woude addressed inflatable, blow-up type signs. He stated that they would be regulated similar to temporary pennants and banners, wherein a permit would be required and they would be allowed only for a restricted period of time.

Staff Liaison Vander Woude added that the proposed changes also include limiting the length of time a temporary sign may be displayed to 14 days per quarter, in no less than 7 day increments.

Motion by Member Beele to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance as presented; seconded by Member Pohrte.

AYES: Members Hrymak, Pohrte, and Beele, and Chairman Wright

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business discussed.

A motion was made by Member Beele to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Member Hrymak. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Vander Woude
Staff Liaison