

MINUTES OF THE BEECHER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

(THE PZC)

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Beecher Village Hall

625 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman George Schuitema called the meeting to order.

All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

Recently appointed Commissioner Edwin Prom was introduced.

ROLL CALL. Members present: Commissioners Eich, Gardner, Hearn, Prom, Schuitema and Serviss.

Members absent: Commissioner Heim.

Staff present: Secretary Patty Meyer and Administrator Charity Mitchell.

Guests: Trustee Erik Gardner and Village President Marcy Meyer (arrived at 7:10 p.m.).

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2024 MEETING.

Commissioner Serviss made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024 PZC meeting as written. Commissioner Eich seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Eich, Gardner, Hearn, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Prom.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC. None.

WORKSHOP: CONSIDER HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FOR AN 8' PRIVACY FENCE IN THE FRONT YARD SET BACK AT 536 MAXWELL STREET. Petitioner was not present. Administrator Mitchell answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioners had no problem with a privacy fence, but expressed concerns about the 8' height being excessive and that the fence would be too close to the sidewalk, affecting visibility of sidewalk and street for parking lot patrons.

Bollards would still be installed on the south lot line of the municipal parking lot, at the Village's expense, prior to installation of a fence at 536 Maxwell.

Commissioner Serviss made a motion to hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 27, 2024 to consider a request for a variance for an 8' privacy fence in the front yard set back at 536 Maxwell Street. Due notice of public hearing will be given and letters will be mailed to adjoining property owners. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Eich, Gardner, Hearn, Prom, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS. Village President Meyer provided updates on the Penfield Street project, existing businesses, as well as new businesses scheduled to open soon.

It was reported that June 1st is the groundbreaking for the new public safety facility.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the PZC is Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. Commissioner Serviss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Eich, Gardner, Hearn, Prom, Schuitema and Serviss.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Meyer".

Patty Meyer
Secretary