

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 9, 2010

Mayor Blair called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Roll Call: Thomas Blair-present, Gerald Rougé-present, James Koster-absent, Karolyn Squire-present, Curt Johnson-present

Visitors: Josh Etch, Joe Kozial, Matthew Mesarchik

The Planning Commission reviewed a sign permit for Geauga Power Sports. The permit has gone before the Historic District Architectural Review Board for the sign material, design and color's compatibility with the building and was approved. The Planning Commission has met to also approve the sign material, design and color's compatibility with the building. Mr. Rougé expressed a few concerns and told the Board the approval of the Historic District Architectural Review Board was strictly for the sign to look as it does in the drawing dated March 4, 2010.

Mayor Blair added the Zoning Inspector didn't see any Zoning issues with the dimensions of the sign. Mr. Rougé made a motion to approve the sign from the same drawing the Historic District Architectural Review Board approved dated March 4, 2010 and Mr. Johnson seconded. Roll call: Gerald Rougé-yes, Curt Johnson-yes, Thomas Blair-yes, Karolyn Squire-yes. Mr. Mesarchik's sign was approved.

Mr. Mesarchik said the process for a new business to get a sign approved is unusually cumbersome. He had a problem finding requirements for what he needed to provide at a meeting and he was told there would be a deposit for the Planning Commission Meeting which isn't stated in the ordinances. He added that surrounding communities don't require Planning Commission approval for signs. The Board reviewed a sample ordinance Mr. Hicks drafted to revise section 1169.07's requirements for the Planning Commission's approval of the sign material, design and color to be compatible with the building. The amendment would state the Planning Commission shall not be required to approve any such sign in the Historic District which already requires review and approval from the Historic District Architectural Review Board. The Board will meet next week and asked Ms. Dahlhausen to provide a copy of Chagrin Falls and Chardon City's sign ordinances for the meeting to compare to our ordinances.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the November 17, 2009 meeting minutes and Mr. Rougé seconded. By voice vote, all members approved.

Mr. Rougé made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Squire seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Mayor Blair

Clerk