

Planning Commission Meeting
April 9, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Marvin Bennink.

Members Present: Marvin Bennink, James Szejda, Donald Smith, Joel Terpstra, Richard Temple, Matthew Fenske and Dewey Bultsma.

Also Present: Gregory Ransford,
Doug Ritz and Dave Cornelius (Agape Plastics)
Andy Jansen (CBS Outdoors)

Joel Terpstra provided a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jim Szejda and carried unanimously.

Jim Szejda provided a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Joel Terpstra and carried unanimously.

7:05 p.m. Chairman Bennink opened the floor to New Business.

Doug Ritz and Dave Cornelius with Agape Plastics presented the plans to add an addition to current building. They are looking to expand 23,000 square feet off of the east side of the current building. Add an additional 70 parking spaces to the north side of the building.

Donald Smith concerned with current storm system. Current filter system not designed to run into the current detention pond. Also back manhole must have a sump pump at least three feet. It will be required to add a 15 -18 in storm stub on the west side of the new parking lot.

Dewey Bultsma stated that hydrant to hydrant is about 300 feet apart. Will need another hydrant in case of fire in rear of building. Al Brouwer will need to review site plan for fire safety with addition of new fire hydrants.

Exterior will need to match current building materials in color.

Newer landscaping to be added and meets requirements.

Will be able to proceed when revised site plan is presented.

Donald Smith made a motion to approve with a revised site plan. Present to Fire Chief for hydrants. Joel Terpstra seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

7:19 p.m. Sign regulations:

Andy Jansen with CBS Outdoors was present to answer any question that might arise.

Scholten & Fant finalized Zoning Text Amendment

Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed text.

Digital billboards will be prohibited.

Shared shopping centers will be a maximum square footage of 200square feet for business identification.

Would allow temporary banners of a limited amount of time; they cannot obstruct the view of traffic.

Richard Temple made a motion to recommend for appeal the revised language. Dewey Bultsma seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

7:36 p.m. Village of Lamont discussions took place.

Public Hearing will take place at the next Planning Commission Meeting on May 14, 2012.

8:35 p.m. Old Business:

Renewable Energy will be discussed for further review.

Wheel stops or raised sidewalks are required for all parking spaces on new construction in front of building and walkways to protect the safety of pedestrians.

Public Hearing will take place at the next Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for May 14, 2012.

At 8:55 p.m. Donald Smith made a motion to adjourn Planning Commission Meeting.

Joel Terpstra seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Schwallier
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