

The City of Lake Forest
Plan Commission
Proceedings of the May 9, 2018 Meeting

A meeting of the Lake Forest Plan Commission was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 220 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Commission members present: Chairman Ley and Commissioners Rosemary Kehr, Michael Freeman, Monica Ruggles and Guy Berg

Commissioners absent: Commissioners Tim Henry and Louis Pickus

Staff present: Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development and Robert Pickrell, City Attorney

1. Introduction of Commissioners and staff and review of meeting procedures.

Chairman Ley introduced the members of the Commission and staff and reviewed the meeting procedures followed by the Commission.

2. Consideration of the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting.

Consideration of the minutes was postponed.

3. Ratification of Findings Supporting the Previous Decision of the Commission on a request for approval of an amendment to the Special Use Permit which approved the Oak Knoll Woodlands Subdivision to allow the earthen berm to remain as built, at a height taller than the height reflected on the approved development plans. The berm is located in the southeast corner of the Oak Knoll Woodlands Subdivision, west of the railroad tracks, east of Oak Knoll Drive and north of Abington Camps Drive.

Property Owner: RREF II-SD Oak, LLC

Representative: Rick Swanson, R.M. Swanson Architects

Chairman Ley introduced the agenda item noting that at the last meeting, the Commission concluded the public hearing on this matter and directed the preparation of findings based on the Commission's deliberations and statements. He stated that findings were prepared by the City Attorney and are before the Commission for review, and if the Commission's determines that the findings as presented accurately capture the Commission's reasoning, approval. He stated that since the public hearing on this matter was closed at the April 11, 2018 meeting, the Commission does not anticipate hearings any further presentations or public testimony.

In response to questions from Chairman Ley, Ms. Czerniak reiterated that at the last meeting, the Commission voted three to three on a motion to deny the petition. She stated that the Commission directed City Attorney Bob Pickrell to prepare findings based on the Commissioners' statements. She asked the Commission to identify whether any additions, deletions, corrections or clarifications are needed to assure that the findings accurately reflect the reasons supporting the vote of the Commission. She stated that if the Commission is satisfied with the findings, a motion approving the findings as presented would be appropriate.

Chairman Ley invited questions or comments from the Commission on the findings as presented.

Commissioner Ruggles stated that her comments and reasoning are adequately reflected in the findings.

Commissioner Kehr stated that she is comfortable with the findings of fact as written noting that the tone of the Commission's conversation is adequately reflected in the findings.

Commissioner Berg agreed that the findings as presented are accurate.

Commissioner Freeman stated that he has no objections or additions to the findings presented.

Chairman Ley noted that he was not in attendance at the April 11th meeting and therefore, did not vote on the matter. He stated that he has no comments and will abstain voting on the findings. He invited a motion.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the findings of fact as prepared by the City Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berg and approved by a 4 to 1 vote with Chairman Ley abstaining.

4. Additional public comment on non-agenda items

There was no testimony presented on non-agenda items.

5. Additional information from staff.

There was no additional information presented by staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Czerniak
Director of Community Development

