

Village of Middlefield Planning & Zoning  
Minute - Teleconference  
November 10, 2020

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The Village of Middlefield's Planning & Zoning meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Garlich, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Klein, Mr. Linberg and Ms. Shaffer.

**Also present:** Mr. John Boksansky-Zoning Inspector, Leslie McCoy-Village Administrator, Mr. Thomas Lee, Village Solicitor, and Mr. Brad Rhodes-Sign Art.

**Agenda:** No additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the October 6, 2020 meetings were presented for approval. *Mr. Linberg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Dietrich. All in favor: Yea (5).*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1. 15596 High Street Sign Art, Inc (Rite Aid) Wall Signage Square Feet Variance request:** Mr. Klein stated that notices were sent out regarding the meeting. Mr. Boksansky stated that he only heard from Mr. Harrington in support of the project. Sign Art submitted a signage package for the Rite Aid rebranding. The package is a bit over the allowable signage on the frontage. The improvements also include some painting and signage. Mr. Rhodes from Sign Art stated that this is a national rebranding. Mr. Klein asked if the overhead view shows all the signs that are being replaced. Mr. Boksansky stated that some of the current signage will be removed and not replaced. Ms. Shaffer asked if the ground sign will be lowered. Mr. Boksansky stated that per the sign ordinance as long as the face size remains the same they are permitted to keep the ground sign the same height. *Mr. Klein made a motion to approve the variance as requested, motion seconded by Mr. Linberg. Roll call: Yeas (5).*

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding public art: Mr. Boksansky stated that he received a call from a resident who does local art. He is looking to place public art on private property. Possibly at Great Lakes Supplies and also Harrington Square; have an install date of early spring. Ordinances reference murals but not three dimensional art. Mayor Garlich requested who finances the project. Mr. Boksansky stated that the property owners would fund the project. The art would have to be approved by the village. There will be no logo or advertisement for a certain business. Lengthy discussion regarding what could be allowed and how the village can have a say in what is allowed to be installed. Mr. Boksansky stated that nothing has been

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officially submitted by the artist. The artist is looking at only displaying a piece for 3 to 6 month and then hopefully sell the piece. The commission has many concerns regarding this proposal and are not in favor of this project.

**ZONING INSPECTORS REPORT:** Mr. Boksansky stated that 12 permits have been applied for and 11 permits have been issued. Mr. Klein stated that it looks like there have been some compliance in the violation notices. Discussion regarding the Neat's Streets Program.

**PENDING**

1. Airport Zoning:

Next meeting is on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7 pm.

There being no further business before the Planning & Zoning Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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Leslie McCoy – Village Administrator

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Scott Klein-Chairman