

Village of Central Square Planning Board Meeting August 21, 2008

Board members present: Rebecca Watson, Shirley Jones, Maryellen Commisso, Jerry Kirker, Steve Williams.

Others Present: Code Enforcement Officer - Mike Kraus, Roxanne & Gary Baumbach, Donetta and Bill Gass

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Jerry Kirker led the meeting with the pledge

A Site plan presented for The Chatty K-9. The business interested in going into old Curves bldg, doing renovations for a dog grooming salon and the sales of retail products for grooming and nutrition. The business is primarily for dogs but could include an occasional cat. No exotic animals.

Mr. Kirker commented on the business packet presented and thanked the business owners for their level of professionalism in their presentation.

The business is currently working with Mike Kraus about their sign. An illustrator is working on the sign. Donetta and Roxanne will have a caricature of themselves in a dog image. Temporary signs will be in place first – they will be 3x3 signs.

Mr. Kraus stated that the 3x3 sign met the requirements, and their permanent sign will come before the board at a later time.

Mrs. Baumbach stated that the drawing attached to the plan is just a rough draft. Further discussion took place about the renovations. Adding a couple of walls. Customers will come into a retail space. A dog business must be aware of safety at all times. Gates and additional doors will insure safety of the animals. These features are outlined in the building sketch. Drop ceiling will be removed and tin ceilings will be exposed. There will be a “farmers market” feel. It will be very pleasing to the eye. A bathing area and grooming salon consists of a shower base and 2 tubs. Everything will be walled. No hair, no mess, and no noise – all this will be behind the scenes.

It was stated that NYS does not require groomers to be certified. However, Donetta and Roxanne are certified. Tours will be given to dog owners to make comfortable. There will be a break area. Floor plan will be very open. Freedom Kennels & Kuts is the business they presently own in West Monroe. They have been grooming and boarding dogs for 5 years.

Some customers will come and drop off their pet and come back when they are done. They tend to leave the pets for only a short period of time. There will be an educational aspect to the business for pet owners as well. Parking is not a problem. Mr. Wiedenbeck

has agreement with funeral home for overflow parking. Main entrance will be on route 11 side of the building.

Mr. Williams inquired as to where the dogs would be walked if needed. Mrs. Baumbach stated that she is not comfortable taking the dog outside the building. Rebecca states this is not an issue for her dog and she takes her there.

The building is close to the road on Rte 49 and there is a double door for emergency exit only, and one entry/exit from the Route 11 side of the building. Mr. Kraus confirmed that one entry/exit was ok.

Mrs. Baumbach says currently their business grooms about seven (7) dogs a day. This is in a rural area where she is, but expects to do up to 16 a day in a more populated area. Dogs are crated/gated inside and they are with their owner when entering and exiting the building. The pet is in eye sight of the groomers at all times. There is no caged drying. Both groomers are certified in pet first aid, which is a 450 hour process. Animals are never left unattended in a noose. One to two attendants will be present with the animal.

Hours will be Monday thru Friday 8-6, and one night till 7. Would like to open on a Saturday morning to have a self service dog grooming for shampooing only. Education will focus on the health of the dog.

Approval would be for grooming business as presented tonight. Any additional kennels etc would have to come before the board again.

There have been questions about noise and smell. Mrs. Baumbach assured the board that the noise would be minimal, due to the quickness is moving the animals through the facility. There currently is no odor in the current facility as stated by Rebecca Watson, who takes her pet there.

The future plans for a kennel would be during the daytime only and will operate as a doggy daycare. There would be no overnight stay.

Motion was made by Rebecca Watson to approve the dog grooming business as outlined in their submitted proposal. Seconded by Steve Williams. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy had a conversation with Steve Thomas. The project for strip mall is ongoing. They want to have customers to lease before they will proceed with the plans. It has not been dropped, but waiting out for tenants.

The lot behind NAPA is for bigger plans. For a larger structure. Fire dept said they need to look at the fire truck access for this plan.

Mayor Murphy attended a ribbon cutting at Walmart. In six years since they've been here. 350 employees. They said they would contribute 30,000 back into the community. \$384,131 has been donated to the community in six years. In six years, we have had 19 small businesses move into the area.

Motion by Shirley Jones to approve minutes from May 15. Seconded by Rebecca Watson. Motion carried.

Mr. Kraus was asked about the Junk Billboard Truck. He stated that he will need to cite him and address this situation with Mr. Weatherup and the truck owner.

Mr. Kraus will also meet with Matt Lauber. His business is not being conducted in the manner in which it was outlined in the site plan.

Mr. Jerry Kirker stated his resignation/retirement from the Planning Board effective immediately. He thanked the board for their hard work. Mayor Murphy and the members of the board thanked Jerry for his service.

Motion by Steve Williams to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Shirley Jones. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Bilello
Deputy Village Clerk