

Village of Central Square

Public Hearing
Doggie Play Day
544 South Main Street
Owner: Teresa Grenga

Planning Board Meeting
October 16, 2008

Present: Steve Williams, Maryellen Commisso, Shirley Jones, John Metzger, Rebecca Watson, Mike Hills. Mike Kraus, Code Enforcement Officer.

Guests: Heather Stevens, Roxanne Baumbach, Donetta Gass and spouses. Mayor Murphy, Bob Kallfelz.

John Metzger opened meeting with pledge

Public Hearing

Public hearing is for the addition of business on Route 11. Site plan application submitted on September 14 by Teresa Grenga, to convert the building located at 544 South Main St to Doggie Play Day. Day boarding for dogs. She has not submitted any further information and did not anticipate being here this evening.

Currently the building is used for his storage. John Metzger asked if anyone in audience had concerns. Hearing none, the public hearing will remain open until next month when Ms. Grenga can be present to present more information on the business.

Motion by John Metzger to table till next meeting. Seconded by Rebecca Watson. Motion carried.

Planning Board Meeting

Sign permit application presented for Chatty K9. The parts of the sign (the scissors and hair dryer) are within the allowed square footage on the front of the building They are mx of 49 sq ft. Allowed is 10% of building frontage – building front is 800 sq ft. This figure includes only the frontage of the building that Chatty K9 uses. There is ample room to accommodate sign for a business next door. There will be no additional lights added. Mike Kraus commented on the inside of the building and what they have done with it. Comments on how classy the sign is. There are provisions in sign regulations regarding repairs. Owners requested approval for placing plexiglass over the dog on the front of the bldg. Board unanimously agreed with that precautionary measure.

Motion by Steve Williams to approve sign as presented in four page picture references submitted with application. Seconded by Mike Hills. Motion carried.

Bob Kallfelz of Square Deal Liquor Store presented sign permit application.

Square Deal Liquors is moving into the IGA plaza and has requested approval for his sign to be placed. Currently the Sundaes Best sign is in the spot he is requesting. That sign is planned to be taken down. The liquor store sign is included on a 4x10 sign that also includes the dentist office sign. No portion of the sign is currently lit. There is wiring, but unsure of the location of box. It is possible a separate meter is needed. Sundaes Best sign if reattached will need approval of the board. This sign is currently more than what is allowed in current regulations. When Premier Rental added sign – it was maxed out. Sign is owned by Gershman properties. They are paying for the upgrade of the sign. They should not be approving signs without knowing what can go on it. This request for sign is replacing an already existing sign.

Mike Kraus – everything on that board does not fit the regulation. Discussion took place regarding the sign laws. Each board member received a copy of the “plaza sign regulation” from online e-code book. Discussion regarding plaza vs shopping center.

Codes were changed in 2001 for sign regulations. Need to revisit the codes for the signs in accordance with the comprehensive plan. Need to contact the owner of the plaza (who is willing to put up new sign) to check integrity of existing signs.

Motion by John Metzger to allow a temporary sign for a maximum of six months from today with direct lighting that conforms with the current temporary sign regulation. Seconded by Shirley Jones. Motion carried. This motion applies to liquor store sign as the dentist will need to present their own sign permit app.

Steve Williams questioned whether village should come up with a “standard or uniform sign” for plazas. John Metzger agrees and stated we need to determine definitions including “plaza”.

John Metzger also feels the sign should be checked for structural integrity, wearing, how many signs can be added to it. Mike Kraus will check into any recent upgrades to the sign. Rebecca Watson would like to see the board create a model sign that we would like to see in our village in the future.

Discussion regarding sign regulations, code book and local laws.

Only time board can require an owner to come to code with an existing sign is when a new sign will be erected. Must comply. Or if there is a safety issue concerning the existing sign.

Mike Kraus will send a letter to the owner of the sign stating concerns with so many sign being added to the existing sign.

Sign application received for the Cake Box – owned by Stephanie Jackson. The picture shows a vinyl banner, which is stated will be framed and placed on the building above the door. Banner meets the code requirements. There is no photo or sketch that shows where this sign will be mounted.

Motion by John Metzger to table approval of sign permit till next meeting for owner to present more information on where the building sign will be placed and how sign will be encased. Seconded by Rebecca. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Williams to accept minutes of September 18 meeting. Seconded by Rebecca Watson. Motion carried.

Motion by Rebecca Watson to adjourn. Seconded by Shirley Jones. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Bilello, Deputy Village Clerk