

Village of Central Square Planning Board Meeting

February 19, 2009

Board members present: Maryellen Commisso, Shirley Jones, Steve Williams, John Urbaniak, Rebecca Watson. **Absent:** John Metzger

Others present: Jennifer Sams and Candace Revette, Exotic Feathers and Fins

Meeting called to order at 7:00 – Steve Williams opened with Pledge to the Flag.

Review of January 15, 2009 minutes. Motion by Maryellen to accept minutes of January 15. Seconded by Steve Williams. Motion carried.

Old business: Metropolitan Signs application for plaza sign. Based on info from last meeting, we will vote to disapprove sign as is because it does not meet the village code for the size of the sign. Letter to be sent to ZBA by Planning Board to refer to them. Concern by board that design presented did not have enough places to hold the businesses in the plaza, particularly the restaurant (Sundaes Best).

Motion by Steve Williams to deny Metropolitan Sign plaza sign application as presented as it doesn't fall within the village code for signage in the East Avenue commercial district. Seconded by Shirley Jones. Motion carried.

Fairway Physical Therapy and Exotic Feathers and Fins with regard to parking spots. Mike Kraus has been unable to locate original site plan for Fairway. All parking spaces are in front of building with additional parking near Hillcrest Drive. This is according to initial agreement with Mr. Wiedenbeck. They agreed not to use this parking as it was available for those renting the house.

New business: Site plan application for Exotic Feathers and Fins. Candace Revette and Jennifer were given the floor to ask the board questions.

Rebecca Watson inquired as to how many different animals will be sold at this location per year as there is a limit under the law. Ms. Revette replied that they will be licensed for 10 or more. A license is required by NYS to sell puppies and kittens. Ms. Revette has USDA agricultural license applications and NYS license applications submitted. Need to be filed 30 days before opening so they can come and inspect.

NYS Agricultural Law - Article 26 requires license for nine or more animals. Indications from Ms. Revette last meeting were that she was not required to have a license.

Copies will be filed with business plan with village once they are obtained. Board would proceed with decisions pending license approval. If denied, they would not sell puppies or kittens.

Steve Williams inquired as to the licensing requirements for taxidermy and Jennifer indicated that a business license is required. There is some question as to licensing for hobbyist vs. business. Jennifer is also required to find out about the laws in Oswego County regarding disposal of waste for taxidermy business.

The plan for the business is for two people – Candace and Jennifer – to run the business. No animals will be boarded at this time.

All animals for sale would stay on site. John Urbaniak questioned the quantity of animals in the building at any given time. Candace stated not many to start, but gave no specific number. Can't load store up and hope people will come and buy it. A pet store is expensive to run because of food and cleaning. There is no way to know how many to start.

Commercial zoning was confirmed and residential is allowed in commercial zone. A handicap ramp will be needed but the business can open without it with the plans to have it built. Need to verify the distance from the porch to the road with the handicap ramp requirements. Landlord is waiting for PB approval before beginning the work.

Mike Kraus stated that tonight's meeting is initially to start site plan approval process. Tonight we need to review site plan and address other concerns. Still need to set a public hearing and the application will need to go to the county. Cannot approve without taking these other steps. Handicap ramps requirement would fall on code office to see that it is done before CO is issued.

The steps may require a variance with the ZBA. Mike Kraus needs measurement from road right of way.

Candace -Gliders are bred in US. Cannot import a lot of animals. Chemical used for taxidermy are common household items such as borax. They will be done off site and brought to the store to sell. Tenant will do upkeep and landscaping of property. There is adequate space available for snow removal. Any liability for the animals being sold.

The village attorney requires a list of exotic animals she intends to sell.

Questions on site plan and SEQR per Steve Williams

- 1) Board requires a list of the specific animals they intend to sell.
- 2) Applicant is in possession of applications for USDA and NYS license but not the license. Need to know the specific requirements for each license.
- 3) Applicant need to consult with authority on taxidermy laws. If part of a business, no longer a hobbyist classification. Need copy of license for taxidermy from applicant if required to engage in business activities to sell taxidermy. No longer a hobbyist classification.
- 4) Need to consult Oswego County regulation for waste.
- 5) Site plan application – commitment of when handicap access will be done.

- 6) Copy of minutes to Candace Revette
- 7) SEQR application.
- 8) Set public hearing.
- 9) Clarification by applicant type of spotlights to be used and the hours of lighting and wattage and color of lighting.

Motion by Shirley Jones to schedule public hearing for Exotic Feathers and Fins site plan app at 7:00 PM on March 19, seconded by Maryellen Commisso. Motion carried.

John Urbaniak inquired as to whether there are additions or deletions to business plan.

The planning board had a workshop on sign regulations and temporary carports. There is no code for temporary garages.

Motion by Steve Williams to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Rebecca Watson.