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MEETING OF THE BEECHER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (THE PZC)

Thursday, March 22nd, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.

Washington Township Center

30200 Town Center Road

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL

III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23RD, 2012 MEETING.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO INSTALL A DIGITAL SIGN AT DE JONG EQUIPMENT, 383 S. DIXIE HIGHWAY. A motion is needed to open and close the public hearing. The petitioner was present at last month's meeting during the workshop and a complete copy of the application is enclosed. The petitioner should be allowed to speak first. The Village Planner will then be making his recommendation on the sign including any conditions to be considered. Then the hearing can be opened for public comment and questions.

The Village Board, in its referral to the PZC, asked how the PZC would evaluate the application since there are no criteria or regulations on the use of such signs. Staff has asked the Village Planner to come up with some criteria such as acceptable distances between signs, lumination, and rate of animation that can be used to evaluate the special use request and the establishment of appropriate conditions.

V. CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD: REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO INSTALL A DIGITAL SIGN AT DE JONG EQUIPMENT, 383 S. DIXIE HIGHWAY. Any recommendation should include any conditions to be placed on the special use permit.

VI. CONSIDER A MOTION REQUESTING THE VILLAGE BOARD TO REFER TO THE PZC A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE PORTION OF THE VILLAGE'S ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SIGNS. At the last meeting it appeared that the PZC wished to re-examine the sign ordinance to include guidelines for digital signs and re-clarification on the use of temporary signs. For this to happen, the Village Board needs to refer the matter to the PZC. This motion would make that request.

VII. LAND USE PLAN UPDATE. As a result of the Illiana Expressway Corridor announcement and availability of grant funds for land use planning, an application is being made for a full \$75,000 comprehensive land use plan amendment. If this grant is not awarded, the Village will scale down its plans and re-do the land use plan and associated text for \$5,000. Either way, we will be re-doing our land use plan starting this Summer. Your long break from meetings is over. Enclosed is some information pertaining to the grant application we are completing.

VIII. ALL PZC COMMISSION MEMBERS MUST TAKE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING. This is a new law that requires all PZC commissioners to take an open meetings act training course and exam online through the Attorney General's Office. This needs to be done by December 30, 2012, and the course will have to be taken once each year while you are appointed to office. It takes about 90 minutes to take the course and exam. This will be discussed on more detail at the meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS - The meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012 may not be needed but we expect to begin the land use plan process at the May 24th meeting. We will be meeting each month after that point. The meeting on June 28th falls on a Fourth of July Commission work night so we could push this meeting up to Thursday, June 21st. The July 26th and August 23rd dates should work fine but we will be working around vacations.

X. ADJOURNMENT