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

Thursday, May 31st 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 MARCH 22, 2012 MEETING.

IV. WORKSHOP ITEM: CONSIDER A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO DIGITAL SIGNS. Don Thomas has provided the enclosed report which recommends several criteria for the consideration of a special use for a digital sign. One of the variables is the distance the PZC would like to see between a digital sign and a residential district. We are also limiting the messaging to no more than eight messages in a rotation according to Section 11.02. This will be explained further at the meeting. Please see the enclosed memo and the most recent amended copy of our sign ordinance.

V. WORKSHOP ITEM: CONSIDER A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY SIGNS. The enclosed memo from Don Thomas provides a series of regulations on temporary signs which currently do not exist in the Village's zoning ordinance. These concepts were taken from Tinley Park and Homewood. Staff recommends two periods of thirty days each per year for a temporary sign off premise. A \$50 fine would be imposed for those that do not get prior Village permission to put up a temporary sign. Temporary "on premise" signs can be regulated under the current code and there is no need for changes.

The other item we need to discuss is what to do with off premise signs existing at the time the ordinance changes. For example, Baumgartner State Farm has an off premise sign on a bench at Indiana and Dixie. We can also discuss this matter.

VI. LAND USE PLAN UPDATE. We have not heard back yet on our IKE Grant application for a full \$70,000 comprehensive land use plan amendment other than they have been swamped with applications and need until the end of July to make a decision. However, if we do not obtain this grant we can ask the Village Board for a much smaller sum to complete an amended land use plan map once we know where the Illiana Corridor and the exact airport footprints are going to be. An update will be provided at the meeting.

VII. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE PZC MEETINGS. The Chairman would prefer to continue to use the fourth Thursday of each month for PZC meetings. As a rule, the fourth Thursday of each month does work. However, the Administrator will be out of town on June 28th (state conference) and July 26th (vacation), the dates of the next regularly scheduled meetings. If it is decided to hold meetings anyway, the Planner can provide staff assistance on these dates. We may also be able to cancel the June meeting and conduct the hearings in July. The land use plan work will not begin until Fall at this point anyway. This item is for discussion.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT