

**CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
August 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio was called to order by Ms. Cason on August 1, 2022 at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall, 5860 Andrews Road.

ROLL CALL: Suzanne Cason - Absent
Dave Chabut - Absent
Mike Sweeney
Brent Moore
Al Buescher

ALSO PRESENT - Kevin Bittner, Council Vice President
Paul Morris, Council person

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2022

MOTION by Brent Moore, and seconded by Mike Sweeney to approve the minutes as amended:

ROLL CALL

MOTION CARRIED 3/0

Mike Sweeney - AYE
Brent Moore - AYE
Al Buescher - AYE
Kevin Bittner - Abstain

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

7669 Manor Drive – Corner fence application. Applicant requesting 4' chain-link fence installation/replacement on corner lot located at Manor/Beech. Mr. Buescher clarified that the property pins have been located and verified.

MOTION by Brent Moore, Seconded by Mike Sweeney to approve the request for the corner fence installation, as submitted:

Applicant asked questions regarding the fence posts and vine growth, allowing coverage. Board concurs.

ROLL CALL

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Mike Sweeney - AYE
Brent Moore - AYE
Al Buescher – AYE
Kevin Bittner - AYE

7896 Sharon Drive – Corner fence application – No representative present – tabled until September. Discussion regarding the setback, height, type, etc.

Mr. Buescher suggested Council update the fence policy to modify fence types, location, ROW, distances.

6006 Andrews Rd – WellNow window graphics and signage. Jim McFarland, representative for the sign vendor, presented the graphic material, details and types of graphics that are proposed for the new build. Discussion regarding signage, type, usage of new materials. Signs are more popular, with the ability to see from both sides.

MOTION by Kevin Bittner, Seconded by Brent Moore to approve the request for window graphics and signage, as submitted:

ROLL CALL

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Mike Sweeney - AYE
Brent Moore - AYE
Al Buescher – AYE
Kevin Bittner - AYE

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING:

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

MAYOR'S REPORTS: We are looking for volunteers for the Citizens Advisory Committee. Four residents are needed, along with a Council member, appointed by the Council President. Next Council meeting is August 9; the Envision Group will present their ideas and proposal regarding the vision and future of the City, as previously discussed.

COUNCIL REP. Kevin Bittner: PUD Zoning was on the agenda for the third reading, with an amendment to only include properties from Linden St., north to Lakeshore. Zoning proposal failed 6-1.

Mr. Buescher noted that this board twice made recommendations, and twice, the recommendations that Council asked for, were turned down. Mr. Bittner explained that Council reviewed, and ultimately voted on the final outcome. Mr. Buescher stated he felt like the process circumvented the outcome. He feels the city (Council) doesn't value his input, given his development planning knowledge and experience. He felt that the Committee of the Whole was created to be a buffer between the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council.

Mr. Bittner clarified the difference between the Committee of the Whole verses the regular Council meeting, and the purpose for the Committee of the Whole.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Eva reported Jim Lyons is waiting on a response regarding the Moratorium legislation / correspondence from the legal representative of MSP Properties.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bittner asked for clarification on Mr. Buescher's remarks regarding fence policies. Mr. Buescher stated there are places in the code that give different answers. He gives an example of corner lots with 6' tall solid fencing, which is in the front setback of the side yard, but it's the rear yard, depending on the location of the home. Mr. Buescher stated that if we are going to change it, then it needs changed now, not take 5 years to do it. People purchasing a corner lot know what they are buying. Claiming a hardship for one owner is not necessarily a hardship for the next owners.

Mr. Sweeney pointed out the corner lot, which is also on a dead end street that was passed not that long ago. Discussion among the board about fences, corner lots, vision impairing vs vision impairing. Request to Mr. Bittner, as the council, rep to ask Council to review the legislation related to corner lots, and the consistency in the ordinances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS: Next Meeting: September 12, 2022

MOTION to adjourn Kevin Bittner by , seconded by Brent Moore: Adjournment by acclamation.

APPROVED _____

Sept 12, 2022

Date



Chairman

ATTEST _____

David R. Eva

Planning and Zoning Clerk