



Special Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2021 – 7 PM • Virtual by Zoom

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Call to Order & Roll Call	Mayor Stefan Densmore			<p>The Village Council convened a special public hearing on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM by video conference with Mayor Densmore presiding. The Mayor had previously called this meeting to allow a hearing on proposed zoning changes recommended by the Planning Commission.</p> <p>This remote access meeting was allowed by emergency legislation adopted by the Ohio General Assembly and approved by the Governor. The emergency legislation added language to RC Section 121.22 allowing public meetings by telephone or video conference during the current pandemic and the declared State of Emergency. As required by the statute, notice of the video meeting was publicized more than 24 hours in advance to allow public access. The public was also given back up numbers to call in the event there were difficulties accessing the meeting by Zoom video. This Notice of Meeting was posted on the Village's website and a similar Notice was sent to various media outlets.</p> <p>Roll call of Council Members: Mr. Boettcher: Present Ms. Chaney: Present Mr. Kneipp: Not Present Mr. Pridonoff: Present Ms. Snyder: Present Mr. Van Harn: Present</p> <p>All members present except for Mr. Kneipp.</p> <p>Motion to excuse Mr. Kneipp by Mr. Pridonoff Second by Ms. Chaney All members voted in favor.</p>

Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion		Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Boettcher Second by Ms. Snyder All voted in favor.
Discussion				
Review of Draft	Solicitor Terry Donnellon	Report	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year a request was made to allow the construction and installation of community free libraries. Current zoning code classified these as accessory structures. As a result in order to approve their installation, interested parties would be required to seek a variance to the existing zoning code or Council could approve an amendment to the zoning code. This matter was referred to the Planning Commission to review the existing zoning code. The Commission has recommended an amendment to the zoning code to allow their installation with the following qualifications: that they be registered with the Village, prospective homeowners submit an application to the Village, make them accessible to a public sidewalk or homemade path on their property from the sidewalk, must be anchored to the ground or other structure, do not overhang the sidewalk even when the door is opened, must not be greater than 48 inches from the ground and 72 inches total, be constructed of treated or painted wood, and be maintained in good structural condition at all times among other requirements. The structure can be removed at the request of the Village Administrator if abandoned for 120 days.
Public Comment Period	Mayor Densmore		Public Comments Heather Pine, 6343 Englewood Elaine Moscovitz, 2426 Canterbury Avenue	Requests for public comment were solicited prior to the beginning of the meeting. Pre-Registered to speak: Heather Pine, Resident: 6343 Englewood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Pine stated that her family recently moved to the Village. Ms. Pine is very excited about the possibility of the new free libraries, especially as her daughter begins her literacy journey. Ms. Moscovitz thanked Council for expediting this process. Ms. Moscovitz stated that she has been wanting to put up a free library for several years. Ms. Moscovitz thanked everyone on the Committee for their thorough research on the topic.

			Greg Schwartzberg, Elbrook Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Schwartzberg thanked the Committee for their great work and is excited about this initiative. <p>Motion to amend proposal to allow Administrator to order structure removed after a 120-day period by Ms. Snyder Second by Ms. Chaney All members voted in favor</p> <p>Motion to recommend to Council for April 12th Agenda by Mr. Boettcher Second by Ms. Snyder All members voted in favor</p>
Announcements				
Adjourn				<p>Motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Pridonoff All members voted in favor.</p>

Submitted by Andy Lanser, Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

Stefan Densmore, Mayor

Date: _____

Anna Gedeon, Asst. Clerk

Date: _____