

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING
MINUTES
June 17, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order, Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were Mayor Bacci, Shireen Mitchell, Dave Volek, and Todd Bloam. Also present: Law Director Jon Greenberg, Village Engineer Todd Sciano, and Building Commissioner Norm Casini.

Mr. Bloam made a motion to excuse Mr. Sokolich, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the minutes of April 16, 2014.
Bloam Aye, Mitchell Aye, Volek Abstain. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

From Building Commissioner Norm Casini, a request from Expert Crane Company, 5755 Grant Avenue, for an individual lettered wall sign, LED lighting and logo.

Variance requested: Chapter 1482 Section 1482.02(b)(2), new sign 280 s.f. permitted, 255 s.f. variance requested.

Mr. Casini explained that Expert Crane moved into the building last spring, and according to Section 1482, it requires wall signs to be 255 square feet. The new sign that they are proposing will be 280 square feet. It will need a variance of 255 square feet. Also, this sign faces Interstate 77, and there are a couple of contingencies that are required and approved by the Building Department concerning aesthetics and lighting. It is a very well designed sign with lit individual sign, and Mr. Krusoe is here to explain the need for the variance.

Mr. Dale Krusoe from Krusoe Signs explained that Expert Crane is proposing an individual lettered sign, with LED lighting and logo. The sign will be black in the day, and white at night, so people could see it. They are proposing a larger sign because it faces the freeway, and it would be easier to see because it is a long distance from the freeway.

Ms. Mitchell asked if it had a logo, and if it would also be lit. Mr. Krusoe explained that it does have a logo, and it will be lit.

The Mayor stated that the spirit of this board has always been to allow our companies the value of purchasing the buildings adjacent to the Interstate. Mr. Bloam made the motion to accept the variance, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

From Building Commissioner Norm Casini, a request from Cleveland Public Power, for a loop Circuit at Harvard Avenue per the information and drawing provided by Village Engineer Todd Sciano.

Mr. Sciano explained with the maps he provided to the board how the loop will run through the Village. He explained that Cleveland Public Power will provide to us all drawings and architecture of anything they are going to put up for our review before they do the work.

Mr. Bloam asked if there was a time frame for this project. Mr. Robert Bonner from the City of Cleveland, Department of Public Utilities, and his consultant gave the board an overview of the project to the board.

Mr. Volek asked Mr. Bonner if putting in these transmission lines is something you had to do. Mr. Bonner replied yes. Mr. Volek asked why they have an unsigned easement from Arcelor Mittal. Mr. Sciano explained that at the time they asked them to be signed; they were still working through some legality. Mr. Volek asked if they foresee any problems with this. Mr. Sciano and Mr. Bonner stated that they don't anticipate any problems with the easement in the future. They have agreed in principal to it, it's just getting it through the lawyers. Mr. Volek asked how close to the roadway these poles are. Mr. Sciano said the Westerly pole will be about 13 feet off the road, and the Easterly pole will be less than ten. Mr. Bloam again asked about the time frame for the project. Mr. Bonner explained that they are in the final stages for the transmission lines, we still have to do the aerial map, final design, and then they have to put a packet out for a final bid. Mr. Sciano will keep this board updated. Mr. Sciano believes it will be next spring. Mr. Bonner stated that he has been working on this project since 2006 and would like to get it finished.

Mr. Volek made the motion accept the Loop Circuit on Harvard Avenue, seconded by Ms. Mitchell. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

From Building Commissioner Norm Casini, a request from Buckeye Partners for the Buckeye Pipeline Replacement Across Harvard Avenue per the information provided by Village Engineer, Todd Sciano.

Mr. Sciano stated that about 30 days ago he had a meeting with the City of Cleveland concerning the Buckeye Pipeline replacement that had been abandoned, and they want to start using it again to transport petroleum products. They don't feel the current pipeline is adequate to handle this, so they want to replace it. It will be around the same route that it was before. It will be a 12 inch fuel line. It is a large transmission pipeline that will go from city to city.

Mr. Volek asked if there were any environmental concerns with this pipeline. Mr. Sciano stated that the line will be in the same place the old line was in, but they might have to go through some red tape today than when it was running years ago.

Mr. Bloam asked if they sleeve it, or do they replace the whole pipeline. Mr. Sciano said they replace the whole pipeline. Mr. Volek doesn't have a problem with them using the line, but he sees many problems arising from replacing it. Mr. Sciano said the Metro Parks did not seem to have any issues with it. They will have to come behind Alcoa, and go underneath the Cuyahoga River.

Mr. Casini explained that it is not very deep, only about 4-5 feet deep, and most of it is in the Metro Park area, and they have been very open and helpful.

Ms. Mitchell asked about road closures during the work, and Mr. Sciano said they would have to co-ordinate the work with our Police Department. Any work done within the Village needs to be co-ordinated with the Village before any work is done. The Mayor stated that we have gone 180 degrees from other administrations. Now anyone that does work within our Village needs to make us aware before they start, and all contractors are now passing the word on.

Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to accept the Buckeye Pipeline Replacement. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Greenberg asked Mr. Casini the Building Commissioner if he wanted to go over and amend all the sign Ordinance now, or wait until later. Mr. Casini said he would like to wait until he could go over all the sign Ordinances. He said he will review them and send them to Mr. Greenberg for review. Mayor Bacci asked Mr. Casini if we should call a Zoning and Planning Meeting to go over those Ordinances, or if it something that the Building Commissioner should make the

call. Mr. Casini believes that it should be up to the Building Commissioner to make the call, then bring it to Planning and Zoning for any changes.

Mr. Volek asked about the Millcraft parking lot rezoning and it included the consolidation of several parcels, and wanted to know if it had been done. Mr. Casini stated that it was in process of being consolidated as the board requested, and all the work will be done by the end of July. We will send out a report to the board after they talk to Millcraft.

Wherefore there is no more business before this Board, Ms. Mitchell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:25pm