

## **Plan Commission Meeting**

**June 27, 2016, 7:00 pm**

- 1) **Silence all cell phones**
- 2) **Call to Order and roll call of Officers:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President, Vickie Boehnlein. Members present were: Village President Vickie Boehnlein, Trustee, Clem Gottsacker, members Paul Utecht, Don Tuhy, Don Gotcher, and Village Clerk, Julie Lesar.
- 3) **Open Meeting Law Compliance Check:** This meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin.
- 4) **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Moment of Silence:** All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a) **Plan Commission meeting June 21, 2016** – Motion made by Boehnlein and seconded by Gottsacker to approve June 21, 2016 minutes. Ayes – Boehnlein, Gottsacker, Utecht, Tuhy, and Lesar; Noes – none, Abstain – Gotcher. Motion carried.
- 6) **New Business**
  - a) **Proposed zoning ordinance text amendment to repeal and recreate §270-10.F of the Code of the Village of Belgium regarding temporary use regulations:** Boehnlein explained that the Village Clerk will issue permits for temporary storage containers. Temporary construction offices and shelters and special events will need Village Board approval. Gotcher questioned the need for a temporary storage unit permit. Boehnlein explained that there have been a few residents that have had storage pods on their properties for an extended period of time. Gotcher does not agree with charging residents for a storage unit if they are moving out of the Village. He stated that he has been told by a couple of families that the reason they are moving out of the Village after ten years is because the Village has nothing to offer. Gotcher stated that the Village is not doing anything to bring businesses into town. He does not think it is right to charge residents to leave town. Boehnlein explained that the reason for the ordinance is because the Village is finding that residents are using the temporary storage units for long-term storage. Boehnlein compared the use of a temporary storage unit to having a shed. The Village charges residents for permits for a shed. If a residents is going to use a temporary storage unit instead of a permanent shed, they should be assessed a fee just as they would be for a permanent structure. Gotcher again stated that he does not agree with charging a resident to use a temporary storage unit if they are moving. Tuhy stated that there should be a regulation as to how long a resident can have a temporary storage unit on their property. Gotcher agrees with the 30 day limitation for the use of a temporary storage unit, but does not see a reason for a permit. Boehnlein pointed out that if the Village does not have the permit, then there is no way of knowing how many days the unit is in place. She stated that there have been complaints regarding this issue and the Village has decided to take action to regulate it. Gotcher stated that he does not agree with requiring a permit for residents that are moving. He agrees with issuing permits if the unit is used over 30 days. Boehnlein suggest that Gotcher attend the upcoming Finance and Personnel Committee meeting that will be determining the fees to be accessed for these permits. Continued discussion regarding the use of the temporary storage units. Lesar stated that the Village has received two calls in the last month from residents regarding using temporary storage units when moving. The residents asked if there are limitations, regulations, etc. in regards to these units. She pointed out that just down the street there are two temporary storage units parked on the street. Members agreed that a 30 day limit is reasonable. Boehnlein pointed out that by requiring a permit, the Village has a way to track how long a temporary storage unit is in place. Lesar asked for clarification regarding special events. Would the need for a permit apply to a church picnic, tailgate party or other similar event that already take place? Boehnlein stated that this applies to activities which are not otherwise regulated by this Code. This ordinance applies to events that are done in conjunction with events that include carnivals or circuses or carnival or animal rides associated with an existing event. Continued discussion regarding the application of the special event ordinance. Boehnlein made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-16 repealing and recreating §270-10.F of the code of the Village of Belgium. The motion was seconded by Gottsacker. Ayes - Boehnlein, Gottsacker, Utecht, Tuhy, Lesar; Noes – none, Abstain – Gotcher. Motion carried.
  - b) **Proposed zoning ordinance 8-16 text amendment to create § 270-34.0 the Code of the Village of Belgium to allow art studios and art galleries as a conditional use in any residential district:** Boehnlein asked if there was any discussion regarding this item. No discussion. Boehnlein made a motion to approve ordinance 8-16

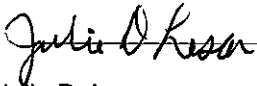
regulating a conditional business use for art studios and art galleries in a residential district. The motion was seconded by Tuhy. Ayes - Boehnlein, Gottsacker, Utecht, Tuhy, Gotcher, and Lesar; Noes – none, Abstain – none. Motion carried.

- c) **Sign permit for 608 Main Street:** the committee agreed to table this agenda item so that more information can be gathered regarding the location of the property and the current zoning.
- d) **Sign permit for Subway, 119 Main Street:** Boehnlein explained that an outside company will be hired to make and install the sign. A drawing of the sign and exact location was not provided on the permit application. Boehnlein made a motion to approve the sign permit for Subway with the condition that it is mounted on the building. The motion was seconded by Gotcher. Ayes: Boehnlein, Gottsacker, Utecht, Gotcher, Tuhy, and Lesar; Noes – none, Abstain – none. Motion carried.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm was made by Gottsacker and seconded by Boehnlein. Ayes – Boehnlein, Gottsacker, Utecht, Gotcher, Tuhy, and Lesar; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie D. Lesar  
Village Clerk

Approved Plan Commission Meeting July 25, 2016