REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitefish Bay was held in the Board Room of Whitefish Bay Village Hall, 5300 North Marlborough Drive, February 3, 2020

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted on the public bulletin boards.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Siegel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Serebin, Buckley, Demet, Fuda, Davis, Saunders and President Siegel

Also Present: Village Manager Paul Boening
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels
Finance Director Jen Amerell
Director of Public Works John Edlebeck
Director of Building Services Joel Oestreich
Deputy Clerk Caren Brustmann

II. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Demet, seconded by Trustee Serebin, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6, 2020.
4. Class B Combination License for Sendik’s – 500 E. Silver Spring Dr.
6. Appointment of Nathan Christenson as the WFB School District Representative to the Library Board for a term to expire on April 30, 2020.

III. Report of Village Officers

1. Village Attorney

Village Attorney Chris Jaekels shared that a Plan Commission petition was received on behalf of Wired Properties for the property located at 721 E. Silver Spring Drive. The letter received contained inquiries about the future development of the church and land.

2. Village Manager

Village Manager Paul Boening noted in-person absentee voting began today for the Spring Primary through February 14th at 5:00pm.

3. Village President – No report
4. Miscellaneous Trustees – No reports

IV. Petitions and Communications

Tom Sherman, 4856 N. Santa Monica Blvd., noted there are 98 hours in a week to cut grass, and Germany is only allowed to have 58 hours. Mr. Sherman suggested the Village change the noise ordinance to allow for only 30 hours of availability to cut the grass.

V. General Business

1. Discussion/action on request from John Pandl, Jr. and Laura Pandl to alter a “Special Use” zoned single-family home by constructing an addition at 1305 E. Henry Clay St.
Village Manager Paul Boening introduced the request to enlarge the house located at 1305 E. Henry Clay St. The requested change will alter a single family home and a vacant lot, combining 1305 & 1313 E. Henry Clay St.

It was moved by Trustee Fuda, seconded by Trustee Buckley, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to approve the request from John Pandl, Jr. and Laura Pandl to alter a “Special Use” zoned single-family home by constructing an addition at 1305 E. Henry Clay St.

2. Discussion/action regarding garage requirements.

Village Manager Paul Boening shared the Village, upon request of a Village resident and Board Members, has been reviewing its current garage requirements specifically the provisions that mandate 2-car garages. Building Services Director Joel Oestreich provided a memo summarizing the current garage requirements, presented data gathered from five comparable communities, and noted the number of cases that have gone before the Board of Appeals requesting special exceptions pertaining to garage size requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Sherman, 4856 N. Santa Monica Blvd.; questioned the current garage requirements.

Robert Crawford, 5017 N. Palisades Rd.; shared that a nearby neighbor recently added a garage that is the size of a half basketball court. Mr. Crawford added it’s so big that he can no longer view N. Lake Drive from his residence anymore.

Rick Stalle, 5111 N. Lake Dr.; Appreciates the Village adopting the 10 year comprehensive plan. Noted the Village adopted the current garage requirements in an ordinance 33 years ago. Mr. Stalle also added that of about the 389 homes with no alleys on E. Lancaster Ave, 104 of those homes have garages that are not 20 feet wide.

Maureen Stalle, 5111 N. Lake Dr.; Stated she has clients leaving Whitefish Bay because of the current garage requirements.

Margaret Baniukiewicz of HB Design suggested the Village Board look at the ordinance pertaining to attached garages and how they are designed, due to the restriction of having a forward facing attached garage if your street doesn’t have a precedent of it.

It was moved by Trustee Serebin, seconded by Trustee Saunders, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to direct staff to prepare an ordinance amendment to modify the Village’s garage requirements based upon the feedback provided by Board members and to refer the ordinance to the Plan Commission for further action.


Village Manager Paul Boening noted the Village of Shorewood is requesting the ability to use the interconnect at N. Morris Blvd and E. Glendale Ave. to access water during their water utility project.

It was moved by Trustee Serebin, seconded by Trustee Saunders, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to approve the Emergency Water Supply MOU with the Village of Shorewood.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Fuda, seconded by Trustee Saunders, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm.

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Caren Brustmann
Deputy Clerk