

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PLANNING BOARD
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Planning Board Members Present: Greg Crosby, Fred Leverenz, Jonathan McDaniel, and Bjarne Hansen.

Attorney: Ken Swain

Zoning Administrator: Cheri Clark

Council Liaison: Mark Phillips

Call to Order: Chairman Greg Crosby called the October 21, 2014 Planning Board meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Greg Crosby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There was no Public Comment.

Oath of Office: John Laurents took the Oath of Office to serve as a Planning Board member and a Board of Adjustment member for the next three years.

Approval of Minutes: Bjarne Hansen made the motion to approve the September 16, 2014 Planning Board minutes as presented. Fred Leverenz seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Add – 6A. Vice Chairman. Chairman Greg Crosby made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jonathan McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Council Liaison: Mark Phillips shared that Council approved John Laurents' appointment to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. Council decided to delay the development of the freestanding ordinance until Planning Board submitted the Statement of Reasonableness and Statement of Consistency. Council also requested Attorney Ken Swain clarify the number of signs per candidate at the voting precinct.

Political Signs: The Lake Park Planning Board recommends that the Village Council authorize the necessary notice and public hearing to implement the following text amendments to the UDO:

11.2.8 Removal of Signs on Public Property and in the Rights-of-Way

The Administrator or his designee may summarily remove any sign placed on public Village-owned property or within any the right-of-way of any public street maintained by the Village of Lake Park, including political signs prohibited by Section 11.6.3 of the UDO.

11.6 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited:

11.6.3 Any sign (other than a government sign), banner or display, including political signs as defined by NCGS 136-32(C), placed on any curb, sidewalk, post, pole, hydrant, bridge, tree, or other surface located on, over, or across any public property, street or right-of-way, unless otherwise expressly permitted. The prohibition on political signs in public rights-of-way shall apply only to street right-of-way maintained by the Village of Lake Park. Political signs in state maintained rights-of-way shall comply with NCGS 136-32.

The Planning Board has found that proposed amendments set forth above to the Village of Lake Park Unified Development Ordinance, which serves as the comprehensive zoning plan for the Village, are consistent with the plan since the proposed amendments serve to clarify and formalize the existing ordinance prohibition on the establishment or maintenance of nongovernmental or non-regulatory signage within public rights-of-way in the Village to the extent permitted by statute.

Furthermore, the Planning Board has found that the proposed amendments to the Village of Lake Park Unified Development Ordinance are reasonable and in the public interest since they provide clarification to existing ordinance provisions and serve to enhance the ability of the Village to maintain public rights-of-way in a condition that is consistent with providing a safe environment for the movement of vehicles and pedestrians in the Village by seeking to eliminate potential obstacles to maintaining clear sight distance along public rights-of-way.

Bjarne Hansen made the motion to approve the Statement of Consistency. Fred Leverenz seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Greg Crosby made the motion to approve the Statement of Reasonableness. Jonathan McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Jonathan McDaniel made the motion to submit the entire document to Council for consideration. Bjarne Hansen seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Along with the Statement of Consistency and the Statement of Reasonableness the proposed changes will be submit to Council for review along with the request for a free standing ordinance

Attorney Ken Swain encouraged a representative from the Planning Board attend the November Council meeting.

Setting Agenda for Next Month's Meeting: The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. Delete: A. Consistency Statement. B. Statement of Reasonableness under 8 Political Signs.

Adjourn: Bjarne Hansen made the motion to adjourn. Fred Leverenz seconded the motion.
Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri Clark
Clerk