

Planning and Zoning Commission
Village Board Room
Thursday, March 06, 2025, 7:15 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Nawrocki
Member Jim Tyrrell
Heather Valone, Community Development Director
Ellen Bayer, Village Manager
Heidi Rudolph, Village President
Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Call to Order: Chairman Nawrocki called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Member Tyrrell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 6, 2025. Chairman Nawrocki seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved, with both Trustees voting aye.

Public Comment:

Resident Eric Herzog attended the meeting. Mr. Herzog commented that making changes to political signs could be opening Pandora's box. Mr. Herzog also commented on potential changes to the size of political signs.

Text Amendments to Village Code Title 9 Chapter 10 Signs, Limitations on Municipal Regulations on Outdoor Political Signs on Residential Property and Placement of Political Signs and Election Activities at Polling Areas:

Director Valone provided a summary of the changes that the State of Illinois made related to political signs. Director Valone notes that these changes impacted the regulations of the Village. The State removed municipalities' ability to restrict the time duration of political signs being posted. The location of political signs on election day was also restricted. Director Valone stated that the Village Code placed maximum time durations of political signs, however that is no longer permitted under the State's changes. The Village also restricts all signage within public rights-of-ways. However, the State's changes would allow for the placement of political signs within public rights-of-ways if they were in a designated area at a polling place. Director Valone also discussed that the number of political signs could not be regulated.

President Rudolph asked what was considered a political sign.

Attorney Skrodzki disused the definition for political signs contained within Village Code. She also noted that the definition was not proposed to be amended.

Chairman Nawrocki and Member Tyrrell discussed the current permitted size of political signs and various alternative sizes and impacts.

Member Tyrrell stated that he was recommending that the size remain a six square feet as currently regulated in code. Given that the number of signs could not be limited, having multiple signs that were 24 square feet in area seemed to large.

Chairman Nawrocki made a motion to recommend the item to the Village Board for discussion at the March 10, 2025 Village Board meeting.

Member Tyrrell seconded the motion. Director Valone then conducted a roll call, with Chairman Nawrocki voting "Aye" and Member Tyrrell also voting "Aye."

New Business: None

General updates and future meeting: The next Planning and Zoning meeting will be April 9th at 7:15pm.

Other Business: There is no other business to discuss this evening.

Adjournment: Chairman Nawrocki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tyrrell seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted with both Trustees voting aye. Meeting is adjourned at 8:08 p.m.