

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZONING PLANNING & APPEALS COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 THROUGH ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Krusinski called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Chairman Krusinski indicated that the special meeting was being conducted in accordance with the recently amended provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the Governor's Disaster Proclamation reissued July 26, 2020 and the Governor's Executive Orders 43 and 48 regarding Phase 4 reopening. He stated that in recognition of Section 12 of the Disaster Proclamation, which provides that meetings attended by more than 50 persons are not feasible and that social distancing is required at all public meetings, an in-person meeting is neither practical nor prudent at this time. Therefore, this meeting is being conducted as a virtual meeting through Zoom video conferencing.

II. ROLL CALL:

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons were:

Present: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Absent: Commissioner Fantus

Chairman Krusinski indicated that Commissioner Fantus has recused herself from participation in this public hearing.

Chairman Krusinski declared a quorum present.

Also, on the call: Village Attorney, Jim Rhodes of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd; Village Administrator, Bob Irvin; Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The ZPA Special meeting minutes for September 1, 2020 were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Meluso that the meeting minutes of the September 1, 2020 be approved and be placed on file.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons voted:

Aye: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Nay: None

Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried and that the meeting minutes be placed on file.

IV. CALL OF CASES:

Chairman Krusinski indicated that for the information of everyone who was attending the virtual meeting, the work of the Zoning, Planning, and Appeals Commission consists of reviewing matters brought before us that affect zoning and planning in the Village. The Commission is a fact-finding body and has no final authority. As a result, the Commission makes no final decisions regarding any matter, but only makes recommendations to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mettawa based upon the testimony presented.

Chairman Krusinski stated tonight's public hearing will be a continuation for a text amendment to Section 15.1106 H of the Mettawa Zoning Code and a request for a special use permit for a place of public assembly at 14077 W. Old School Road.

Chairman Krusinski then called the hearing on docket number 20-TA-1 and 20 SU-1 to order.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons were present:

Present: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Absent: Commissioner Fantus

Chairman Krusinski declared a quorum present.

Chairman Krusinski stated this is a continuation of Case Numbers 20-TA-1 and 20-SU-1 arise from an application filed by St. Basil Serbian Orthodox Church. The applicant seeks a text amendment to Section 15.1106 H of the zoning code and a special use permit for 14077 W. Old School Road, Mettawa, Illinois for an existing place of public assembly in the R-1 single family residence district.

Chairman Krusinski stated Dr. Fantus presentation from the September meeting will be entered as **Exhibit 5**. Village Clerk Gallo indicated no additional objectors were on Zoom nor was any further documentation received to be presented for this meeting.

St. Basil's Church representatives include; Father Djuro, Mike Kosanovich the President of the Congregation, Zoran Vranjes the Chairman of Committee, Father Ilija Balac as the Architect, Mark Toberman the Civil Engineer and Danielle Grcic the church's Attorney.

Chairman Krusinski swore in the objectors. No objectors spoke.

St. Basil's Church Attorney, Danielle Grcic stated they had no questions for the objectors from the last meeting. They will address any concerns in their rebuttal.

Please reference the court reporters' transcripts for the full meeting discussion held between St. Basil's Church representatives and ZPA.

St. Basil's Church Attorney, Danielle Grcic presented a new PowerPoint presentation. St. Basil's closing comments included their expansion project will allow for maximizing the existing use and serve the parish needs. They are asking that the undue and restriction be lifted and they are willing to work with the Village following the zoning code.

Resident, Dr. Richard Fantus (14253 W. Riteway Road) asked the applicant a few questions.

Resident, Dr. Mary Maish (14080 W. Old School Road) provided her comments.

Chairman Krusinski asked the Village Attorney for the next steps to begin deliberation. The Village Attorney Rhodes indicated the Village would need to come to an agreement with the sub-section H and determine if an amendment is needed and what it would include. The

second piece would be the special use and what type of conditions would be granted for this kind of facility.

Village Attorney Rhodes directed the Chairman not to close the public hearing for St. Basil's Church. The church will be providing further information to the Commissioners.

Village Administrator Irvin indicated he will provide St. Basil's Church the James Anderson Memo dated July 14, 2020.

The November ZPA meeting was rescheduled from the 3rd to the 10th due to the Election Day.

A motion was made to reschedule the November 3rd meeting for the continuation of the St. Basil's Church public hearing to Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm. The motion was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Pelech.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons were:

Aye: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Nay: None

Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS:

VI. REVIEW OF REPORTS OF COMMISSION COMMITTEES:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Commissioner Pickell seconded by Commissioner Leonard that the meeting be adjourned.

With unanimous consent, Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk