

Village of La Grange Park
Planning & Zoning Commission - Minutes
August 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the La Grange Park Planning & Zoning Commission was scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building.

Convene Meeting

The meeting of the La Grange Park Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Chairperson Domagalski asked all in attendance to rise for the pledge of allegiance and asked Village Clerk Kooi to call the roll.

Members in attendance were:

Committee Members: Caroline Domagalski, Chairperson
William Lampert
Christopher Studwell
Jim Lee
Robert Bartholomai
Drew McElligott
Stefania Campo (absent)

Others in Attendance: Maggie Jarr, Deputy Village Manager
Julia Cedillo, Village Manager
Cathleen Keating, Village Attorney
Meghan Kooi, Village Clerk
Dean Maggos, Director of Fire & Emergency Management
Rick Radde, Director of Public Works
Mark Lucas, Village Engineer
Kryz Kociolek, Director of Building & Inspectional Services

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes – August 8, 2023

Commissioner Studwell moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Lampert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Review and Approval – Findings of Fact for Zoning Case #23-0014 (Amendment to a Planned Unit Development on Property Located at 315 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, Illinois – Plymouth Place, Inc.

Commissioner Studwell moved to approve the Findings of Fact for Zoning Case #23-0014 (Amendment to a Planned Unit Development on Property Located at 315 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, Illinois – Plymouth Place, Inc.)

Consideration of Site Plan Review for Property Located at 507 E. Woodlawn Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois – Jewel Food Stores, Inc. and Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society (#23-0015) & Public Hearing to Consider an Application for a Variation for Property Located at 507 E. Woodlawn Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois – Jewel Food Stores, Inc. and Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society (#23-0016)

Chairperson Domagalski convened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m, introduced the matter and asked that all those in attendance wishing to testify rise and be sworn in. The court reporter administered the oath to those wishing to testify and transcribed the public hearing proceedings verbatim.

When there were no further questions or testimony to be presented, *Commissioner Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bartholomai and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

The public hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m.

The PZC discussed the site plan review along with the application for a variation for the property located at 507 E. Woodlawn Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois – Jewel Food Stores Inc. and Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society (#23-0015 and #23-0016). PZC members agreed that the improvements would benefit the parking lot located at Jewel, but all members raised concerns about the lack of islands included in the site plan. The general consensus was that the parking lot is an existing condition and not a unique hardship. Additional islands would not pose a danger to the patrons of Jewel. They agreed the design should meet code for both safety and aesthetics. The plan for a two-way traffic option down the parking lanes also raised concerns with the PZC. The representatives of Jewel and Woodmen of the World were given an opportunity to offer solutions to the plan during a re-opened public hearing in order to receive approval from the PZC.

The public hearing was re-opened at 8:21 and those in attendance wishing to testify were given an opportunity to do so.

When there were no further questions or testimony to be presented, *Commissioner Studwell moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lampert and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

No improvements or suggestions for possible changes to the plan were made during the public hearing.

Commissioner Studweel made a Motion: To Approve the Consideration of Site Plan Review for Property Located at 507 E. Woodlawn Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois – Jewel Food Stores, Inc. and Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society (#23-0015). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lampert and failed to pass by a unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Lampert made a Motion: To Recommend the Village Board Approve an Application for a Variation for Property Located at 507 E. Woodlaawn Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois – Jewel Food Stores, Inc. and Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society (#23-0016). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studwell and failed to pass by a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the PZC, *Chairperson Domagalski called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Studwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Meghan M. Kooi
Village Clerk