

Planning & Zoning Committee
June 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Village Hall
740 Hillgrove Avenue, Board Room
Western Springs, IL 60558
6:00 pm

Present: James John, Trustee (Chairperson)
Nicole Chen, Trustee
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney
Martin Scott, Director of Community Development

Call to Order: Trustee Johns called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

Meeting Minutes: Trustee John made motion to approve minutes December 1, 2021, and March 23, 2022. Trustee Chen seconded the motion

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Projects/Requests/Issues:

Proposed revisions to various sections or the Village code relative to permitting, regulation, and development of small wireless facilities, utility noise, and construction of utility facilities in the right-of-way.

Attorney Jurusik stated that Western Springs has a code restrictions than other communities and the proposed tweaks are minor. Attorney Jurusik recommended that Western Springs be consistent with updated criteria supplied by the state and federal government. He added that page 3 of ordinance states that applicants cannot mandate they talk to staff about where small cells are proposed to be installed but recommended both parties be allowed to propose alternate locations to find the best final location. Attorney Jurusik added that applicants must also provide a written report to analyze acoustic levels. He added that the newer equipment is quiet and stated that the telecommunication industry wanted to put these in the right of way without any disruption from municipalities.

Attorney Jurusik explained that the Village could currently suggest an alternative within 100 ft of proposed location based on previous criteria. He explained that last summer, that criteria was updated and it was extended it to 200 ft because of advances in technology.

Attorney Jurusik stated that Verizon could place small cells on ComEd poles, which is beneficial to the municipality. Trustee John questioned if they would rather use the ComEd in the back yard rather than street. Attorney Jurusik stated that most will prefer for the poles in right of way and that they would like

to shy away from back yards, but they do have the right to put them there if needed. Attorney Jurusik questioned how far will they be from the rear from the house and bedrooms are because residents will be concerned if the poles are close to the bedrooms/residential area people are living in. Director Scott replied that 53rd Lawn has an existing wooden pole and that the front is generally 30ft and back is 30ft from right of way.

Attorney Jurusik stated that technology getting better, and they require less equipment, but he would confirm with the Village's consultant.

The committee recommended the proposed code changes to the Village Board.

Field Park 5K

Director Martin Scott stated that the proposed Field Park 5k is the same event as last year, however dates and all details have not been confirmed.

Future amendments to the Development Control Ordinance

Director Scott proposed amendments to the Development Control ordinance for individuals that owe money to the Village. He explained that the amendment would allow the Village to withhold processing permits until that money was paid back. The committee recommended the proposed code changes to the Village Board.

Other Business:

Trustee John confirmed there is no other business.

Trustee John motioned to adjourn. Trustee Chen seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.