

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
LONG GROVE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

As Chairman Michaelson-Cohn was absent the first order of business was to select a chairman Pro-Tem. Commission Tapas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to appoint Commissioner Calas as the Chair Pro-Tem for the duration of the meeting. On a voice vote, all aye.

Call to Order: Chairman Pro-Tem Calas, called the regular meeting of the Long Grove Architectural Commission (AC) to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present;

Members Present: Marietta Calas; Chair Pro-Tem, George Tapas, Mark Howard, Helen Makaritis, and Eric Closson.

Also Present: Village Planner James Hogue and Ken Siwieck.

Absent: Commissioner Michaelson-Cohn and Commissioner Styer.

1. Approval of the December 16, 2013 Draft Meeting Minutes.

Typographical errors were noted in the draft minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Tapas, seconded by Commissioner Calas to accept the draft minutes as corrected. On a voice vote; all aye.

2. Consideration of a request for outdoor lighting at 225 Robert Parker Coffin Road and within the B-1 Historic District, for the “Mill Pond Shops” submitted by Mr. Ken Siwieck, New Midwest Capital.

Mr. Ken Siwieck, New Midwest Capital, explained the request. He noted First Midwest Capital acquired the property in July of 2013. At that time contractors for the company found numerous lighting fixtures on the property connected with household extension cords. In an effort to any hazards and liability on the property these fixtures and cords were removed and the current fixtures were installed in place of the old fixtures.

Mr. Siwieck the presented a site plan identifying the locations of the fixtures along the western property line of the Mill Pond property. He also noted the fixtures were state of the art LED fixtures (specs provided) and had been placed in the trees adjacent to the parking lot area. Lighting is focused in the parking lot area to provide a safer pedestrian access to the building.

Commissioner Tapas asked if there were any additional fixtures added than what previously existed. Mr. Siwieck responded fixtures were located in the same general location as the old fixtures and represented a 1 for one replacement of those fixtures.

Planner Hogue further explained the request. He indicated there had not been any permits issued nor AC review of the old lighting fixtures discovered on the property. Given the testimony of the petitioner these fixtures appear not to have been installed up to code.

While the Village appreciates the upgrading of the entire illumination system (to code) this work too had been done without permits nor AC review. This requests attempts to rectify that situation.

Planner Hogue then explained the analysis of the request against the Standards for Parking Lot lighting found in the Village Code. He noted the fixtures (non-decorative), light source (LED), fixture height (greater than 15') and source wattage (greater than 200 watts) all required the review and approval of the AC.

He opined that non-decorative fixtures may be warranted as the fixtures are actually mounted to trees on the property line. This serves to effectively screen the fixtures from public view. Installation of poles on which to mount the fixtures would require tree removal and may be difficult given the substantial grade change between properties. The end result would likely be more visible fixtures on the site. As the site was heavily "dished" in terms of topography and the trees hang over the property line the fixtures were pointed to the bottom of the dish. This should serve to minimize glare onto the residential properties to the north especially with seasonal foliage on the trees.

Commissioner Closson noted his concerns were the coolness of the light emitted by the LED light source as well as the visibility of the light source\fixtures by residential neighbors of the property.

Planner Hogue commented that no complaints had been received from neighbors regarding the existing or proposed lights on the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tapas, seconded by Commissioner Closson, to recommend approval of the lighting as submitted in this instance due to the added safety and security afforded by such lighting and acknowledging the improvements made for this property including the following;

- The removal and replacement of unsafe fixtures with code complaint fixtures and wiring;
- The use of non-decorative fixtures are acceptable at this location;
- A fixture height of greater than 15 feet is acceptable at this location;
- An LED light source, greater than 200 watts, is acceptable at this location;

With said improvements subject to the condition that the petitioner shall reposition said lighting (including the use of baffling or other shielding) should complaints be received by the Village from abutting residential property owners and that lighting shall be turned off during the day light hours all being subject to review and approval by Village Staff.

On a voice vote; all aye.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

Adjournment: Commissioner Makaritis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Closson. On a voice vote; all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Hogue
James M. Hogue, Village Planner