

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE  
PLAN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018

**LOCATION:** Village of Thiensville  
250 Elm Street

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Chairman:	Van Mobley	
Commissioners:	John Cabaniss	Carol Gengler
	Mike Dyer	Ken Kucharski
	Rick Gattoni	Dan Luedtke
Administrator:	Dianne S. Robertson	
Planner:	Jon Censky	

**III. BUSINESS**

- A.** Approval of Minutes  
1. June 5, 2018

Commissioner Luedtke indicated a correction to the June 5, 2018 minutes stating that his vote on Item III. Business C. should reflect voting Nae.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Luedtke, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dyer to approve the June 5, 2018 Minutes With the Correction to Item III. Business C. Indicating Commissioner Luedtke's Vote of Nae. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B.** Review and approval of Sign Plan Approval for Skippy's Burger Bar, Kenneth Kucharski, 113 Green Bay Road

Ken Kucharski, Skippy's Burger Bar, 113 Green Bay Road, presented plans for new signs that reflect a new logo and name change. Skippy's changed their name from Skippy's Sports Pub & Grub to Skippy's Burger Bar. The new signs were approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on June 13, 2018 and were installed on Thursday, July 5, 2018. Mr. Kucharski worked with the Police Department to block Green Bay Road for a short time for the installation of the signs.

The signs include a hanging sign that measures 2.8' x 4' for an overall size of 11.5 square feet and will be externally illuminated and a directional sign over the entrance door. The directional sign over the entrance door measures 2' in diameter.

Planner Censky indicated that this sign fully complies with the Sign Code and looks very nice.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Dyer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gengler to approve the Sign for Skippy's Burger Bar, Kenneth Kucharski, 113 Green Bay Road.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Cabaniss, Dyer, Gattoni, Gengler, Luedtke and Chairman Mobley

**Naes:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Kucharski

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**C. Review and approval of Sign Plan Approval for Grace Lutheran Church,  
Pastor Bill Beyer, 303 Green Bay Road**

Chris Larson, President of Grace Lutheran Congregation, 303 Green Bay Road, was in attendance to present plans for a new sign for Grace Lutheran Church.

The church is proposing a new changeable letter sign mounted on the existing monument base. The new sign face measures 6' x 3' totaling 18 square feet in size. The surround will be of aluminum material painted gold nugget and the base remains untouched.

Planner Censky shared that the Plan Commission denied Grace Lutheran's first request for an electronic sign. The proposed sign this evening fully complies with the Sign Code.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gattoni, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cabaniss to approve the Sign for Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Bill Beyer, 303 Green Bay Road. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. Discussion Regarding Murals in the Village**

Planner Censky shared that the business at 210 South Main Street has a picture on the side of their building. It is unclear if this has been painted on the building or is a picture.

Administrator Robertson referenced a painting on the side of a building on West Freistadt Road that had included a landscaper's name, address, trees and plants. In 2011 the Plan Commission asked for the advertising part to be painted over. This painting still remains on the building with the trees and plants with no advertising. Commissioner Gattoni shared that because paintings age and the quality fades, this would be a good argument to not allow murals in the Village.

Planner Censky would like to discuss the ability to go through an approval process to get Plan Commission approval. If the Plan Commission does not wish to pursue this, there would have to be a second letter sent to the business owner at 210 South Main Street. There was no response or action taken from the first letter sent to 210 South Main Street on January 19, 2018. This site is the place of a business as well as the business owner's residence.

Commissioner Luedtke asked how to not approve a mural request based on just not liking what is proposed. Commissioner Gengler shared that a set of criteria must be met for approval and questioned if the discussion is for business and/or residential homes. There are a few homes in the Village that do have paintings on them i.e. a house with polka dots, a submarine, geese, etc.. This was also discussed at a Plan Commission meeting in 2011.

Commissioner Cabaniss inquired as to if there are any rights that would be infringed upon not allowing someone to express their religious or political belief as protected by the first amendment if painted on the side of their business or residence. Commissioner Gattoni's concern is how over time the mural looks and is kept up. This could be addressed in the criteria and approval process. Planner Censky asked if the Plan Commission can even say "no" to any request.

Commissioner Kucharski does not support murals in the Village.

Planner Censky suggested following up with 210 South Main Street with a letter stating that citations may be issued if the mural is not removed. Chairman Mobley stated that the Village does not allow murals and questioned how to proceed after they are installed. Commissioner Gattoni then inquired about a property that has a bear carved out of a tree that was taken down. Chairman Mobley has been approached by residents that would like the Village to do something about it and does not believe there is an Ordinance that prohibits this type of sculpture.

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Administrator Robertson indicated that there is nothing in Village Ordinances that says that you can have a mural, it is silent.

In addition to the W. Freistadt Road painting on the garage the new Fiddleheads had expressed that they may want a mural on the side of their building on South Main Street and were not told “no” but decided not to paint it.

If an Ordinance was adopted not allowing murals, those that exist now would be grandfathered in. Administrator Robertson shared that if this is in the Zoning Code there would have to be a Public Hearing; if in the Sign Code, there would not be a Public Hearing required.

Planner Censky suggested creating an approval process with standards that must be met.

It was decided that Planner Censky would do more research to see how other communities regulate these murals and what the approval process is.

**All applicants or their contractors must be present for any approvals.**

**IV. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Open to any citizen who wishes to speak on items not on the agenda. Please step to the podium and give your name and address for the record.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Luedtke, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Amy L. Langlois  
Village Clerk

Approved by,



Dianne S. Robertson  
Administrator