

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
MAY 3, 2010**

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, May 3, 2010; a regular meeting of the Architectural Review Commission was held this date at 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road.

Call to Order. The following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Mike Bukolt, Brian Golwitzer, Frank Lecinski and Bob McMahon - 4. Absent: Chairperson Houghton and Commissioners Stella Broz and Kim Meier - 3. Due to the absence of Chairperson Houghton, Commissioner McMahon presided over the meeting. Also present for the Village was Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk and Trent Turner, Building & Zoning Officer.

Approval of January 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lecinski moved, seconded by Commissioner Golwitzer to approve the January 4, 2010 meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bukolt, Golwitzer, Lecinski and McMahon – 4. Absent: Broz, Houghton and Meier – 3. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business.

Review Wall Sign for Illinois Brick at 2221 Pierce Drive. There was no representative from Illinois Brick or Paint n Brush Signs in attendance. Inspector Turner said Illinois Brick purchased Clay Products and moved their operations into the building recently and Illinois Brick plans on doing more retail sales than Clay Products. While the sign will be smaller than the previous Clay Products sign, the overall size would still be larger than allowed in the Sign Ordinance. The proposed sign is made up of 24" white Lexan polycarbonate letters glued to studs affixed to the brick mortise. There will also be a 27" x 72" wood logo sign next to the letters. The sign is not lit except for possible ground lighting. The maximum allowable size for this wall sign, based on the building set-back of 64 ft. and signable area of 520 sq. ft., is 90 sq. ft. with a maximum height of 18 ft. The submitted sign is 108 sq. ft. with a height of 12.9 ft. Lexon letters come in 18" and 24" sizes and if the sign was made with 18" letters it would comply with the Sign Ordinance.

Inspector Turner felt that the setback should be measured from Route 12 rather than Pierce Drive, as there is an empty lot in front of the business and they are trying to pull business from Route 12. If measured that way, the sign, with 24" tall letters would meet code. It was noted that the measurement is from the structure property line which would be Pierce Drive, not Route 12. Commissioner Lecinski felt the sign was fine and should be approved as presented. Commissioner Golwitzer said without a good reason for the variance he didn't think it was warranted and that it wouldn't take much to make the sign comply. He felt the Sign Ordinance should be followed unless there are extenuating circumstances. Commissioner McMahon said the Sign Ordinance was written to establish codes to give the Commission control over signage.



Commissioner Golwitzer moved to deny the Illinois Brick sign as submitted. Due to there being no second, the motion failed.

Commission Lecinski moved to approve the Illinois Brick sign as submitted. Due to there being no second, the motion failed.

Some of the Commissioners felt they needed to hear the justification from the business owner or sign maker for the variance before approving it. They would like a representative to appear before them at the next meeting.

Commission Golwitzer moved, seconded by Commissioner Bukolt to recommend the denial of the Illinois Brick sign as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bukolt, Golwitzer and McMahon – 3. Nays: Lecinski - 1. Absent: Broz, Houghton, and Meier – 3. Motion carried.

Public Comment. None.

Other Business. None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk