

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in the first-floor Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Mary Matuja, Commissioners, Gary Mitchell, Pat Chasteen, Gary Gula, Council Liaison Doug Kucyk

Excused: Pat Mc Carroll and Greg De Mars

Also Present: City Planning Consultant Dave Scurto, Tom Krolczyk

All items pertinent to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

Motion by Gula and seconded by Mitchell to excuse Commissioners Mc Carroll and De Mars, unanimously approved, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 26, 2019 regular meeting, on motion by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Kucyk, the minutes approved 5-0.

PLAN REVIEWS, VARIANCE REQUESTS AND HEARINGS –

1. 41 Clairview Rd. – Landscape Plan Review (Statuary)

Mr. Kriese explained the history of his residence and the anchor and his reasoning for the placement of the anchor in the front yard due to the proximity of the lake and the character of the neighborhood. He also handed out copies of emails of supportive neighbors in favor of the placement of the anchor. MaryJo Van Natter of 30 Clairview expressed her support for the anchor and asked that the Commission to allow it to be placed in the front yard. Scurto explained ordinance 40-259 which shows that the anchor placement in the front yard is in violation unless approved by the Planning Commission as part of an overall landscape design. Gula asked Mr. Kriese of the nature of the importance of the anchor and suggested putting it in the rear yard. Matuja asked Mr. Kriese if he would be interested in donating the anchor to the City for placement at the Park Marina; Mr. Kriese stated he would not be interested in doing so. Krolczyk communicated to the Commission that he has received several complaint calls regarding the placement of the anchor, specifically two residents who live directly across the street. Matuja explained the process of obtaining statuary in the front yard to Mr. Kriese and how precedent setting this decision would be considering an anchor in the front yard was previously denied at the request of a resident on Regal Place several years ago. Gula motioned to deny; Kucyk seconded, unanimously approved 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS – Krolczyk updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate and other projects going on throughout the Village. He also invited the Commissioners for a Hard-Hat Tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford construction sight.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

NEXT MEETING DATE- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020 AT 8:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT-There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Gula; unanimously approved 5-0.

Planning Secretary
Planning Commission