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ZBA MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LLOYD ZONING BOARD

Thursday, August 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:10pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE Present: Paul Gargiulo, Paul Syms, Alan Hartman, Shari Riley; Code Enforcement Officer,
Michael Guerriero; Town Board Liaison
Absent: Anthony Pavese, Tim Marion, John Litts, Peter Paulsen

ANNOUNCEMENTS: GENERAL, NO SMOKING, LOCATION OF FIRE EXITS, ROOM CAPACITY IS 49, PURSUANT TO NYS FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS. PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.

New Business

Sawco Project Development, 3515 Route 9W, SBL#88.13-7-12, in GB zone.

Existing sign to be raised above maximum height of six feet.

The applicant would like to raise the newly existing sign for Sawyer Savings Bank 48” above the stone base of which it sits on now.

Patti Brooks the applicant’s representative was present for the meeting.

Patti Brooks read from the code book: *Not more than one monument sign with a sign area no larger than 50 square feet per face and a height maximum of six feet (including the base). The sign must be set back 15 feet or more from the edge of pavement and must be fully located on the applicant's property.*

Patti: That is the code that was followed when this original monument sign was put in. It is 6ft from top to bottom. I did bring this to the Planning Board to ask for a favorable recommendation, which they did give me. (The ZBA were given copies of the Planning Board Minutes)

The Board reviewed photos, done by Timely Signs, of suggested designs of what the sign would look like once raised. Patti had photos of the present placement of the sign. If you travel along 9W going south you cannot see the sign at all from the outside lane and barely see it from the inside lane because of the road elevation (as seen in one of the photos)

Paul G: How much of a variance are you looking for?

Patti: A variance of 4ft.

Paul G: You have given us good information here. I would like to make the photo of the sign exhibit A and send it to the Planning Board for their recommendation.

A **Motion** to set the public hearing for September 10, 2015 was made by Paul Gargiulo, seconded by Paul Symes. All ayes.

41 Paul: This is a good suggestion for the cars coming down Merritt Ave., coming to the corner stop sign. When
42 they look to the right they will see right under the sign to the road.
43 Alan: I would say that if the sign is raised it could interfere with the vision of the people coming down the hill
44 or the cars that are going North on Route 9. My point is if a car wants to go north after turning from Merritt
45 Ave. they have to go across the intersection in front of the cars that may be blocked by the sign.
46 Paul: But the idea of the sign being high and opened you will get the visibility of the cars heading north.
47 Patti: If you look at the photo I submitted there is a car at the intersection, the sign is behind the car. It is a
48 little bit of an optical illusion on the map. If you stop at the intersection and look to the south you will clear
49 the sign.
50 Alan: This car is not at the stop sign. The stop sign is behind the car. If there is a car behind this one and
51 wants to go north their vision is blocked by the sign and the carwash also.
52 Patti: Basically I think people stop at the stop sign and then they stop again at the corner because you really do
53 not have visibility now.
54 Alan: Part of the problem is because of how the land has been filled in on the corner of the car wash. I am
55 concerned about the cars that want to go north, through the intersection and their vision is blocked by the sign.
56 Patti: I will go out and take some line of sight photographs.
57 Alan: I do not know if the DOT gets involved with this?
58 Shari: No.
59 Paul: I think raising the sign and putting the gap in between will make it more visible.
60 Alan: It may be a safer situation if the sign is even higher. My point is right now if you are driving south you
61 cannot see the sign and that is primarily because of the buildup on the carwash corner and it is a hazard for the
62 people coming down Merritt Ave.
63 Patti: What happens is they get down here before they see the sign and then they are slamming on their brakes
64 so that is not a safe situation either.
65 Alan: There is a problem there already.
66 Paul: (To Patti B) Could you somehow give me a car stopped and a photo of the view from the car window?
67 We will go with the recommendation of the Planning Board. If we need to go up another foot for safety we
68 will do it. The sign would not change; the piers would just be taller.
69 Patti: I know what the Board would like for me to supply.
70 Alan: If you raise it that high the stop signs and Merritt Ave. sign will interfere with the Sawyer Savings sign.
71 Patti will look at all of the suggestions.
72 The Board continued discussion on the sign placement.
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74 **Administrative Business**

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76 A **Motion** to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2015 was made by Paul Symes, seconded by Alan Hartman.
77 All ayes.

78 79 **Kelley "Stonehouse Gardens", 227 South St, SBL#86.4-3-42, in A zone.**

80 The applicant would like a 48"x 28" sign, with landscaping light, for their barn venue business. Four square
81 feet of signage is permitted for this venue. The applicant is requesting a variance of 2.28 square feet.
82 The public hearing has been set for September 10, 2015.
83 The ZBA requested the actual square footage of the sign and how it was calculated for the public hearing next
84 month.

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86 A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Alan Hartman, seconded by Paul Symes. All ayes. 7:47pm