

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF NEW LENOX PLAN COMMISSION

Held in the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.

#11-12-B

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Village of New Lenox Plan Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Mark Muehlnickel, with a quorum present.

Chairman Mark Muehlnickel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were present: Chairman Mark Muehlnickel, Commissioners Joan Byerley, Rob Moss, John Kuchler, Tony Orsini, Annette Boyd, and Gary Berner.

The following were absent: None.

Also present were: Senior Planner Jeff Smith and Secretary Lorrie Sowko.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR PLAN COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Chairman Muehlnickel entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011, Plan Commission meeting. Commissioner Boyd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kuchler. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Planner Jeff Smith announced that the next regular Plan Commission meeting on January 3, 2012, will include a public hearing for a Special Use for a Preliminary P.U.D. Plat for Lenox Place, a senior housing development.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Muehlnickel entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Berner. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorrie M. Sowko - Secretary

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF NEW LENOX ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Held in the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.

#11-12-B ZBA

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Village of New Lenox Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:03 p.m., by Chairman Mark Muehlnickel, with a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were present: Chairman Mark Muehlnickel, Commissioners Joan Byerley, Rob Moss, John Kuchler, Tony Orsini, Annette Boyd and Gary Berner.

The following were absent: None.

Also present were: Senior Planner Jeff Smith and Secretary Lorrie Sowko.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Chairman Muehlnickel entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Commissioner Kuchler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Byerley. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT (Grand Opening)
Silver Cross Hospital
1900 Silver Cross Boulevard
Tracy Simons/Silver Cross Hospital – Petitioner

Tracy Simons of Silver Cross Hospital was present to request a Temporary Use to celebrate the Grand Opening for the new Silver Cross Hospital on February 26, 2012. The first grand opening celebration will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for the Silver Cross family which includes the hospital employees, volunteers, and physicians. The second grand opening will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This grand opening will be for the community.

Silver Cross Hospital is requesting to have a tent set up in the main parking lot at the main entrance. This will be used for the guests that gather while waiting for a 45 to 60-minute tour of the majority of the hospital building. There will be trolley buses that will transport visitors to and from the entrances.

Chairman Muehlnickel asked what will be included in the tour.

Tracy Simons responded that the tour will include the emergency department, imaging areas, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, maternity/birthing center, procedural care unit which includes surgery, endoscopy, same day surgery, and the interventional platform where catheter and cardiovascular procedures are performed. The lobby area will be part of the tour and includes a chapel, discharge lounge, a coffee shop, and gift shop. Pavilion A will also be included, which is where all the outpatient services are located.

Senior Planner Jeff Smith stated that the two Special Events are very organized. Staff has no objections and recommends approval of the Temporary Use, subject to the eight conditions in the Staff Report.

On Saturday, February 11, 2012, the MOB (medical office building) and MSB (medical services building) will be open and Staff is recommending that Special Event visitors are directed to the more remote parking stalls. There will be trolleys providing access to the Special Event area.

Chairman Muehlnickel asked if the trolleys operate on both days of the Special Event(s).

Tracy Simons confirmed that the trolleys will operate on both days.

Commissioner Berner asked if snow removal will be provided and also wanted to know if the tent will withstand snow.

Tracy Simons stated that snow removal is contracted out and handled through the Silver Cross building services department. The snow will be removed throughout the month of January and February 2012.

Commissioner Berner requested information on signage and physician parking.

Tracy Simons responded that a parking plan is in place for the Special Events and security will be on the premises to direct traffic/parking.

There are over 2,200 parking stalls available on the hospital campus. Approximately 1,500 parking stalls will be utilized for the Special Events and the remainder of the parking stalls will be utilized by hospital staff and patients. There is ample parking available.

On Saturday, the physicians were asked not to schedule patients after 1:00 p.m., which is typically what they will practice for Saturday hours on a regular basis. Not much traffic from patients will be expected on that day.

Chairman Muehlnickel asked if the handicapped parking spaces will be affected by tent being utilized for the Special Events.

There are plenty of handicapped parking spaces in front of the medical office buildings that will be available on both days. In addition, temporary handicapped parking spaces will be designated and posted in a portion of the parking lot abutting the special event tent area since some nearby existing handicapped parking spaces will not be accessible during the special events.

Jeff Smith added that signage will be required for the temporary handicapped spaces.

Commissioner Kuchler expressed congratulations and welcomed the hospital and commented that it will be a nice addition to the Village.

Chairman Muehlnickel asked if the Children's portion of the hospital will be a featured part of the tour.

Tracy Simons expressed that the pediatric portion of the hospital will not be part of the tour, due to a time element. Children will be allowed on the tours and entertainment and activities will be provided inside the tent area.

Visitors will be able to tour the operating rooms. Also, Davinci robots used to perform robotic surgeries will be set-up for demonstration.

There is a portion on the Silver Cross Hospital website for visitors to schedule tours to encourage an even flow of tours.

Chairman Muehlnickel entertained a motion to recommend approval of the temporary use for the proposed special event for the Silver Cross Hospital campus located at the southeast corner of U.S. Route 6 and Silver Cross Boulevard, subject to the eight conditions in Staff's Report. Commissioner Boyd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Orsini. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Muehlnickel entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Byerley. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.