

City of Northfield Planning Board
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Minutes: October 2, 2014

Notice of this meeting had been given in accordance with Chapter 231 Public Law 1975, otherwise known as the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting had been given to The Press, posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, filed with the City Clerk, and posted on the City website, stating the date, time and place of the meeting and the agenda to the extent known.

The regular meeting of the Northfield Planning Board, held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, was opened by Chairman Richard Levitt at 7:01 p.m. and the following members were present or absent as noted:

Timothy Anderson
Councilman Erland Chau-absent
Linda Dyrek
Denise Kintish-absent
Dr. Richard Levitt
Mayor Jerry McGee
Lou Milone-absent
Sgt. Paul Newman
Henry Notaro
Ron Roegiers-absent
Derek Rowe
Clem Scharff
Jim Shippen

Matthew Doran, Professional Engineer-absent
Norman Zlotnick, Solicitor-absent

Chairman Levitt opened the meeting by the thanking the Board members for attending the meeting to memorialize the resolutions. He noted that providing a quorum to vote is a good public service for the applicants so that they will not have to wait to obtain their development permits.

There were two resolutions to memorialize. The first was for Qiong Qiong Wang to operate the Healing Touch Spa, Block 42, Lot 1.02 located in the Plaza 9 Shopping Center, Unit #10, at 1333 New Road for a "D" variance to allow therapeutic massage at the spa and a waiver of site plan. The second was for William J. Hickman, Jr., Block 40, Lot 18.25, 3 Jack Sloan Court for "C" variances for construction of an in-ground pool and patio. Abstentions were Denise Kintish and Lou Milone. The voice votes were all in favor of memorialization.

An issue was discussed concerning a possible application from the Harvey D. Johnson American Legion and whether or not fees could be waived since they are a tax exempt, not for profit organization. Dr. Levitt said there is nothing in the Ordinance to reflect this situation and precedence would be set for not for profits. Mr. Anderson stated that a non-profit organization is a service to the community and it would be a positive thing for the City to waive fees to help their presence in the community. Dr. Levitt said this may require an Ordinance revision and verified that there have not been many requests such as this. Dr. Levitt suggested referring the issue to City Council. Mrs. Dyrek agreed. Dr. Levitt said that it is the feeling of the Board that since there is nothing in the Ordinance to allow or permit the waiving of fees; it should be referred to City Council. Mr. Scharff suggested that possibly partial fees could be waived. Dr. Levitt said he didn't think anyone would object to waiving application fees for the American Legion, but what needs to be looked at is what the consequences are across the Board.

Dr. Levitt noted that there was no one from the public present who wished to speak. He closed the meeting at 7:14 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Scharff and a second from Mr. Rowe.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Atlas, Secretary to the Board