

**MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
July 7, 2010**

PRESENT: Beverly Meyer – Chairperson, Don Hickok, Ron Kiefer, Ray Mielkus, John Lind, Michael Griffith – Senior Planner, Elizabeth Lahey - Secretary

ABSENT: Gloria Jiskra, Susan Vonder Heide, Ken Ritzert, Robert Erickson

Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall – Meeting Room, Darien, Illinois declared a quorum present and swore in the audience members wishing to present public testimony.

A. PZC 2010-09: 8975 Lemont Road, Shell/Circle K service station: Petitioner seeks approval of a variation from the Sign Code to permit a LED price display.

Mr. Michael Griffith, Senior Planner, presented the staff report. He stated that the petitioner seeks to install a LED illuminated price display sign on an existing sign. He further stated that the sign dimensions will not change.

Mr. Griffith reported that the illumination details were reviewed by the City Engineer and that the request meets the City Code. He stated that the petitioner indicates that there will be no blinking and fluttering and that the LED display will show the gas price only which will change pricing once per day at 2:00 a.m.

Ms. Aunta Foote, Corporate ID Solutions stated that the petitioner is requesting the LED price display for cost and environmental purposes. She stated that the price change will be done via WIFI.

Commissioner Hickok questioned how the pricing on the pumps would be changed.

Ms. Roote stated that the pumps were programmed electronically.

Commissioner Lind questioned if the low sign is readable.

Ms. Foote stated that the petitioner wishes to have the price on the bottom instead of on the top.

Chairperson Meyer noted the staff comment to incorporate a base for the sign and if the petitioner had a problem doing it.

Ms. Foote stated that putting a base on the sign would not be a problem.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Commissioner Hickok made a motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Lind that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2010-09 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve the petition as presented subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Sign base to be added to sign, so that sign is flush with grade.**
- 2. LED price display is not to blink, flash, flutter, produce varying light intensity or have any other animated graphics.**
- 3. LED illumination brightness to comply with the Sign Code.**

Upon roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 5-0. Commissioner Jiskra, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Ritzert and Commissioner Vonder Heide were not present.

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Commissioner Kiefer made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hickok to waive the reading of the June 2, 2010 and the June 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 5-0. Commissioner Jiskra, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Ritzert and Commissioner Vonder Heide were not present.

Commissioner Kiefer made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Mielkus to approve the June 2, 2010 and the June 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

Upon roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 5-0. Commissioner Jiskra, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Ritzert and Commissioner Vonder Heide were not present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS/PLANNER'S REPORT:

Mr. Griffith reported that the permits for Speedway have been submitted and approved but they have not engaged in construction.

NEXT MEETING:

Mr. Griffith reported that there was nothing scheduled for the July 21, 2010 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Kiefer made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hickok to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

**Elizabeth Lahey
Secretary**

**Beverly Meyer
Chairman**