

SYLVAN LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of the December 1, 2009 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Menuck called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Michael Menuck
Paul Hungerman
Joanne Eberhardt
James Bull
John Martin, City Mgr.

EXCUSED

David MacGillis
Russell Meskin
Aron Lorenz

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by, Bull seconded by Eberhardt.
No discussion.

Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 17, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Hungerman, seconded by Bull

Motion carried.

5. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR BRIEF COMMENTS

Chairperson Menuck opened meeting for public comment.

Mike Palchesko, D.T.E. representative addressed his concern about decibel level allowances from 10:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M., with regards to the proposed noise ordinance. He further stated the base location on Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake provides services to the tri-county area. In addition, he also asked Planning Commission to be sensitive in this area of allowances. His concern was the impact on the services D.T.E. provides to the many cities they service and the allowable levels being to low to provide that service.

Chairperson Menuck closed meeting for public comment.

6. New Business:

None

7. Old Business:

A. Review and Approval to send Draft Noise Ordinance to City Council

City Mgr. Martin praised Planning Commission for their time putting the draft together. Secondly, he sent draft it to Paul Bibeau, the city attorney for review. Paul will be getting together with him at the end of the week. The draft will then be brought back to Planning Commission to review. Up for discussion was misdemeanor and civil infractions and combination thereof after several offenses. These fines will put some teeth into ordinance. Commissioner Bull asked John to summarize Paul's comments. Mike Z. will also attend meeting with John and Paul.

B. Outdoor Storage of Vehicles

Chairperson Menuck felt current ordinance is fairly appropriate. City Mgr. Martin stated the issue is that if it's a car that operates and is licensed, there is no ordinance violation. Commissioner Hungerman suggested having something put in the ordinance with regards to cover vs. non-cover of a vehicle. In response, Chairperson Menuck stated a covered car is a car that is being taken care of better. Bloomfield Twp has a limit to vehicles with seating of fewer than ten, along with no parking on grass at all. Other issues discussed included parking on grass and number of vehicles. Our ordinance states no parking on grass; allowed is beyond front yard setback and be 3 ft. from each property line. City Mgr. Martin felt this draft could be taken care of rather quickly. Secondly, he stated cars parking on driveway *only* could be looked at which would eliminate quite a few problems. Commissioner Eberhardt will gather information for drafting an ordinance.

C. Outdoor Seating

Commissioner Bull will be working on this draft. City Mgr. Martin has gathered information. Commissioner Hungerman asked how many businesses have inquired about outdoor seating. City Mgr. Martin stated five.

D. Zoning Ordinance Review

None. Commissioner Eberhardt asked City Mgr. Martin to prioritize the ordinances he would like to have reviewed first. City Mgr. Martin said we would look at the master plan and identify areas that need to be addressed in the ordinance that are not right now.

8. City Manager Comments

Tim Horton's is open many cars in line on Orchard Lake Road; good for business, but bad for traffic. If this continues, something will need to be done.

9. City Council Comments

None no council members present.

10. Planning Commission Comments

Commissioner Eberhardt Happy Holidays to all.

Commissioner Bull Happy Holidays to all.

Commissioner Hungerman Happy Holidays to all. Thanked JoAnne and Jim doing some of the legwork with storage and seating ordinance.

Chairperson Menuck Hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Bull, seconded by Eberhardt to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

No discussion.

Motion carried.

Charlene Zink, Sylvan Lake Planning Commission Recorder

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Mike Zybrzycki

Mike Palchesko, D.T.E. representative