

APPROVED
LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE ZONING BOARD MEETING
MARCH 2, 2011 - 7:00PM
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
26 OLD POST ROAD - LAKE GEORGE, NY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Mogren - Chairman, Dennis Barden, Virginia Henry, Kevin Merry.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dick Butler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Doug Frost (Enforcement Officer), Carol Sullivan (Secretary), Jim Quirk.

Ron Mogren opened the ZBA meeting and Public Hearing at 7:04 PM. Ron noted there was no public attendance this evening.

TAX MAP: 251.18-3-61

ADDRESS: 2 KUROSACA LANE

OWNER/APPLICANT: JIM QUIRK

VARIANCE APPLICATION: V01-2011 - PUBLIC HEARING

ZONE: COMMERCIAL RESORT - OVERLAY

Owner/applicant is applying for an area variance for the reader board portion of the freestanding "Adirondac - Horicon Cruises" sign. Owner/applicant is seeking 100% relief from the Village Code which requires freestanding signs to be brought into compliance whenever any of the lettering, message or graphics is changed. Applicant's proposal is to change the current manual reader board to a digital reader board.

- Ron mentioned that the modifications before the ZBA Board this evening just pertain to the reader board. He views this change as an upgrade and he does not have a problem with the change.
- Ginny stated she is OK with the change and asked if it would be reviewed by the Planning Board. Doug and Carol mentioned it would not go to the Planning Board as the change is to the reader board only.
- Kevin asked how big the reader board will be. Jim explained it will be the same size as the existing reader board which is 6' x 3'. Kevin indicated he is OK with the change.
- Dennis indicated he is OK with the change and views it as an improvement.
- Jim asked if there are any color restrictions. Carol and Doug explained that the Village is working on a Local Law which will address LED reader boards. The new law is in draft form and does have some color restrictions. It will grandfather LED reader boards that have been approved prior to enactment, however, it will only grandfather the size of the sign. They also mentioned there will be no change to the section of the Village Code which allows the reader boards of boat companies to scroll, showing time and tour information. The proposed law limits scrolling.
- Carol read the draft language of the proposed Local Law. "Electronic reader boards shall have lights of amber or red hues only with a black background." Carol also read the portion of the law which grandfather's the size of the reader board only.

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MOTION: Ron Mogren made a motion to grant the variance to allow the freestanding sign to remain in its present state and allow the change to a digital reader board based on the following Fact Finding items:

1. The benefit to the applicant as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community is greater because there is no impact and therefore, no detriment to the health and safety of the neighborhood.
2. The variance will not have an undesirable effect on the character of the neighborhood because the relief is insignificant as it applies only to the reader board.
3. The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by some other method feasible for the applicant because this is an upgrade to modernize the reader board.
4. The requested area variance is not substantial.
5. The proposed variance will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions of the neighborhood because it does not affect environmental conditions. It does not affect the physical conditions of the neighborhood because there is already a reader board in place and this new reader board will replace it.
6. The alleged difficulty was not self-created.

MOTION 2ND: Ginny Henry

Ron Mogren	Dick Butler	Dennis Barden	Ginny Henry	Kevin Merry
Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye

Ayes = 4 Nays = 0. Motion carried.

MOTION: Ron Mogren made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:14 PM.

MOTION 2ND: Ginny Henry

Ron Mogren	Dick Butler	Dennis Barden	Ginny Henry	Kevin Merry
Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye

Ayes = 4 Nays = 0. Motion carried.

MINUTES - November 3, 2010

MOTION: Ginny Henry made a motion to approve the November 3, 2010 minutes without change.

MOTION 2ND: Kevin Merry

Ron Mogren	Dick Butler	Dennis Barden	Ginny Henry	Kevin Merry
Aye	Absent	Did not attend 11/3/2010 mtg.	Aye	Aye

Kevin Merry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM, seconded by Ron Mogren and unanimously carried.

Aye – 3 Nay - 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Sullivan
March 14, 2011