PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2014

Present: Chair Bill Schmidt; Members: Sandy Gresak, Jim Hilborn, Ann Weinsheim, Village Board liaison: Chester Pojack; Staff liaison: Steve Kalish, staff members: Tom Bialas, and Jennifer Hopwood, Village Board: Michael Light.

Not Present: Eric McFadden, Maureen Kirkes

Chairman Bill Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Minutes

May 28, 2014 minutes were approved.

Topic of Discussion – Private Residential Parking

1. Steve Kalish went over Village code 7-7-9A. Issues/challenges arise when a driveway has been extended around to the back of the home and it connects to a patio. The vehicle cannot be on that patio. This includes camper, boat, trailer, etc. Pads in yards are not acceptable locations (pad= pavement slab or brick paver pad) for storage or parking.
2. Trustee Pojack asked if any were grandfathered in. Steve Kalish stated no, because there are no permits approved for pads that he was aware of.
3. 24' is the maximum width for a driveway.
4. 302.2.1 Approved Ground Cover – Trustee Pojack stated the area around him had some residents that added gravel to the sides of their driveways to make them wider. Gravel is not an approved ground cover. The resident may request permission for gravel on the sides, but there is no parking on gravel permitted, per Village ordinance.
5. Trustee Light inquired about how aggressive of a stance the Village can take when addressing the parking on the back patio's/slabs. Steve Kalish responded "In the past, if we get permission from adjacent properties and can go in a back area of the property and physically see that neighbor parking on a slab or back patio – a picture from that view point would be admissible. There are no pictures admissible when taken over the fence. Make sure there is a date stamp on the picture. Code Enforcement can investigate and follow ordinance procedures. Trustee Light asked if pictures should be taken regularly or just once for proof? Steve Kalish responded that is depends. Pictures on multiple dates and times can help a case a lot at a hearing.
6. Jim Hilborn asked about the policy regarding residents that work at a company that allows a work vehicle to be brought home. Are they allowed to park in the driveways? Tom Bialas answered that this depends on the size and registration of the vehicle. Ann Weinsheim stated she thought only vans and pickup trucks were allowed. Tom responded "Yes".
7. Sandy Gresak inquired about a property on Brahms. The resident is parking their truck sideways across the bottom half of their driveway on the apron. Is this allowed? Tom Bialas

stated that years back this was an issue n the Village and he believed it to be prohibited. *He was going to research the traffic code/parking section.*

8. Bill Schmidt inquired about Glen Ellyn Road on the East side three (3) doors North of Easy Street. There are cars that are parked on a brick patio connected to the driveway. There is a yellow truck in the driveway for sale. *Steve Kalish was going to look into permits for the property.* Bill Schmidt did mention that his new neighbor was parking on the lawn and that a CSO from the Police Department did ticket the resident. The issue has been resolved. They brought up Google Earth maps and showed the Glen Ellyn property with the patio as well as another property in the vicinity with same design.
9. Are there a maximum number of vehicles allowed for a property? No, but street parking and residential rules need to be observed for the area.
10. A property on Fullerton Avenue, north side of the street near Trustee Light, was also addressed about having vehicles parked in the backyard.

Topic of Discussion – Status of Items Brought up for Inspection at Last Meeting

1. Marilyn – There is a basketball hoop sandbagged right at the curb on the parkway. John Tautkus will work the case. The basketball hoop is still out.
2. Dillon Property – it has been addressed and is looking good.

Topic of Discussion – Items to be Considered for Inspection

1. 48 Stonefield – there has been a permit card in the window for 3 years. There is now electrical tape on the eaves of the home. There seems to be a pile of bricks or dirt in the front of the property at various times. Last month there was a dumpster in front of the property. Steve looked up the property and stated that the original permits were issued in 2009 and then in 2011. Nothing had been finaled out. Will investigate.
2. Skunks – there is an over population in the Village again. Tom suggested that the issue be referred to PD.
3. Newspapers in the driveway. There is a property that has about 16 newspapers in the driveway. The residents just drive over them. Steve Kalish took the address and will assign to John Tautkus, Code Enforcement.
4. Siems Park/Cardinal – reported that there is tall weeds and grass along with dead sod. Steve Kalish will notify Foreman Chuck Dymbrowski from the Parks Division.
5. Glen Ellyn Road – the old bank sign is now just a pole and a metal frame. The sign needs a cover. The property is now a Temple and operating. Steve Kalish to investigate.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM