

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
PLANNING BOARD
303 N Franklin Street
Meeting of July 28, 2021

Present: Joe Fazzary, Jenna Tormey, Brian Eslinger, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barb Peterson and Code Enforcement Official (CEO) Darrin Stocum. Jim Adesso and Tom Fitzgerald were absent.

Chairman Joe Fazzary opened the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Concept/Preliminary Plan Request: *Mark Lembeck (503 E Fourth Street) Fence*

Mark Lembeck was present. CEO Stocum noted that building a fence in that zone would require a regular site plan approval. Chairman Fazzary indicated that the site plan would not be necessary as long as it complies with existing law, and suggested that a waiver could be invoked until the new zoning law is in effect.

Brian Eslinger moved to invoke 8.4 of the zoning law for 503 E Fourth Street. Jenna Tormey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Concept/Preliminary Plan Request: *Village of Watkins Glen (Clute Park) Fence*

CEO Stocum indicated the request for a fence was to help direct people safely around the park and to help protect the new foliage. Board concerns included Parks Director not present, barrier between people and the attraction, not enough input, unsure about Board of Trustees approval, relation to Master Plan objectives, submittal inadequate, and public awareness. Brian Eslinger moved to not approve the fence request for Clute Park and ask the head of the parks department to come to the next meeting to discuss. Jenna Tormey seconded. Discussion regarding the Lembeck motion and waiver ensued. No actual vote on the motion. Joe Fazzary moved to table this item until the Parks Director is available to come to the meeting with more information. Jenna Tormey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Brian Eslinger moved to have all applicants be present. Jenna Tormey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

The minutes of June 23, 2021 incorrectly noted attendance. Brian Eslinger moved to table until the next meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

7:34 pm Jenna Tormey left the meeting.

Public Be Heard

None

Board Concerns/New Business

Brian Eslinger expressed concerns that people are not designing projects to meet code and wanted to stop people from asking for variances. Joe Fazzary said that the board may not prevent people from asking for variances.

7:36 pm Jenna Tormey resumed her seat.

Brian Eslinger proceeded to voice concerns regarding parking waivers, business district vacancies, character of the community, and cottage industries.

Adjournment

Brian Eslinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenna Tormey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8:08 pm Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara J Peterson
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer