

ARLINGTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nagel.

Members Present: Grabitske, Kreft, Chairperson Nagel, Mielke, Pinske, Councilmember Reetz

Members Absent: Haggemiller

Also Present: PZ Adm. Smith-Strack, Engineer Hawbaker

Motion by Mielke, seconded by Pinske, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

It was noted that the minutes from the April 14th meeting were not ready in time for the meeting.

Smith-Strack presented a draft Storm Water Protection Ordinance that she had put together based on information provided/collected at the last 2-3 meetings. It was reviewed in detail. Language pertaining to commercial mining and/or wetlands was removed as exemptions. Considerable discussion was held on storm water controls. It was agreed to keep the language simple and reference the MPCA's guidelines. Engineer Hawbaker talked about the use of a bio-role, and explained what it was and how it gets used. It was commented that because storm water controls can be very complicated, it was suggested to have Engineer Hawbaker act as the liaison between the City and the Watershed District.

Motion by Mielke, seconded by Grabitske, and passed by unanimous vote to hold a public hearing on June 2nd to discuss an ordinance pertaining to Storm Water Protection.

Discussion was held on giving the annual report to the Council on May 16th. Smith-Strack reviewed the information to be presented to the Council. It was agreed that Haggemiller and Reetz would go to the Council meeting.

Discussion was held on the sign ordinance. Kreft expressed concerns about (not) allowing certain types of signs in parks (example: advertising/promotional or the baseball signs in Memorial Park). Smith-Strack stated that the ordinance should be updated to include the Public/Institutional District. Various suggestions were made for amending the current ordinance. Smith-Strack will bring a proposed revised sign ordinance to a future meeting.

The April Building Permit Report was reviewed.

Motion by Grabitske, seconded by Mielke, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

PZ Adm. Cynthia Smith-Strack

Chairperson Lowell Nagel