

CITY OF OSWEGO

PLANNING BOARD

October 1, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Breitweg, Matthew Bacon, Cory Moshier, Noreen Ruttan, Brit Hallenbeck, James Scanlon, and Chairman Freeman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Justin Rudgick.

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m., Tuesday November 5, 2019. Roll call was duly noted.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 2019 meeting was made by Matthew Bacon and seconded by Chairman Freeman; minutes unanimously approved.

Chairman Freeman made a motion that all actions taken tonight are excluded, exempt or Type II actions for the purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Law unless otherwise stated. Motion seconded by Matthew Bacon, unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review & Approval – Signage for Curious Kidz Toys and More! – 52 West Bridge Street, Case 19-153; Downtown Oswego Design Standards B.2.4 – Signage (Wall Sign).

DISCUSSION: Nathan Emmons was present for the discussion. He said this will go into the existing sign structure. Mr. Caraccioli asked if it will be backlit. Nathan Emmons said no. He said the electronics in the sign frame no longer work. He said their goal will be to come back to the Board maybe next summer to be able to put some electricity up there with overhanging lights. Jeff McGann said this is traditional downtown. He said their regular business signage allows 3 square feet per one lineal foot of store frontage. He said the downtown design allows one square feet per lineal foot of store frontage. He said that building has about 25 lineal feet which would allow for 25 square feet of signage. He said in this case considering the building, the fact that it is not right down on First Street, it is existing, they are just replacing the sign and it is a new business he wouldn't want to put them through the cost of taking the framework down to go smaller. Mr. Caraccioli said there are provisions within the zoning code that allow the Planning Board to vary or expand on the provisions in certain circumstances. He said the fact that this is a pre-existing sign frame is pretty important to underscore. He said they are trying to fill the space that is existing. Chairman Freeman asked if there were any questions from the public.

DECISION: Brit Hallenbeck made a motion for signage approval. Motion seconded by James Scanlon, unanimous approval.

2. Site Plan Review & Approval – 305 East Ninth Street, Case 19-150; to allow proposed driveway expansion for front yard parking, Sections 280-48 thru 280-51.

DISCUSSION: Amanda Dawson was present for the discussion, as well as Councilor Tesoriero. Ms. Dawson said the driveway is built in an hourglass figure. She said there wasn't proper drainage on the front of the house so when the snow melts or there are heavy rains it leaks into the basement along the front side of the house. She said she was told the best way to alleviate it is not to put something that will hold water there and concrete was the recommendation. Jeff McGann said she is here for a special permit for front yard parking. He said this technically creates a parking spot on her own property that is front yard parking. He said it should also be noted that the driveway goes into an existing two car garage. He said it has always been their code that if someone has a two car garage they have the right to have egress to both bays of the garage. He said they are cleaning up the driveway to make it accessible and also take care of the water problem. Chairman Freeman asked if there will need to be a curb cut. Jeff McGann said there is a curb cut there already. He said there is a storm sanitary right outside of there and the curb was damaged in the process of cleaning the storm sanitary. He said this is an appropriate time to do this before they put it back in. Mr. Caraccioli said there is a letter that was signed by nine neighbors that support the application. Councilor Tesoriero said he has heard no complaints and he is in support.

DECISION: Matthew Bacon made a motion for site plan approval. Motion seconded by Brit Hallenbeck, unanimous approval.

3. Advisory to the ZBA – Special Permit – 305 East Ninth Street, Case 19-151; to allow front yard parking, Section 280-55(B).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Caraccioli asked what is there currently. Jeff McGann said green space is coming out of there. Mr. Caraccioli said the intention is not to park a vehicle where they are going to fill in the hour glass. Ms. Dawson said they park up closer to the house. She said it is more for when they are backing out. She said the green space that was there really wasn't green. She said it was dirt. Brit Hallenbeck said this is a double lot as well so it is a big property. He said the amount of green space going away is pretty negligible.

DECISION: James Scanlon made a favorable advisory to the ZBA for a Special Permit. Motion seconded by Brit Hallenbeck, unanimous approval.

4. Advisory to the ZBA – Area Variance – Front Yard Setback – 305 East Ninth Street, Case 19-152; to allow proposed 26'-6"x7' new porch, Section 280-12(C).

DISCUSSION: Ms. Dawson said the front of the house has gutters but they don't alleviate all of the water that pools there. She said the porch that is there is creating a channel for more water to go there. She said the recommendation was to build a porch across the front. She said she would like to make it a little deeper so it is a full porch. She said concrete was the recommendation. Jeff McGann said the curb is probably 16-18' out with no sidewalk there. He said she has a big front yard. He said she is probably 30-32' from the curb with the start of the new porch. Mr. Caraccioli said the impact is negligible. Chairman Freeman asked if there were any questions from the public.

DECISION: Brit Hallenbeck made a favorable advisory to the ZBA for a Front Yard Setback Area Variance. Motion seconded by Matthew Bacon, unanimous approval.

Brit Hallenbeck made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Matthew Bacon, unanimous approval.

Approved: _____

Richard Freeman

Planning Board Chairperson

Jeff McGann

Planning Board Secretary