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IHP Sheds and Fences Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Shawn Kennedy, Chair
John DuRocher, Village Administrator
Rita Farrell Mayer
Danielle Svestka
Lou Rawski
Nick Dubak
John Vedok
Lawrence Brennen
Eileen Murphy Donnersberger

The meeting was chaired by Shawn Kennedy. The recording secretary was Eileen M. Donnersberger

• **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:36pm CST on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom. Roll call attendance was taken; all committee members were present and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the last meeting were not yet ready for approval.

• **Discussion**

In lieu of minutes from the past meeting, Shawn Kennedy, committee chair, opened by providing a brief recap of that meeting. He further explained that the goal of the present meeting was to consider, and hopefully vote on, three items that had emerged. Each of these items would be discussed before voting on any recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Mr. Kennedy then presented the three items under consideration as:

1. Existing decorative, cowboy or split rail fences can stay if and only when they are properly maintained. They can be sealed or stained but not painted.
2. Cyclone, stockade or any other fence must be removed unless the owner has received a variance from the village. If a variance has been received the fence must always be maintained and must be removed when the seller vacates the property.
3. Anyone that wishes to add a fence at any time or keep a current fence that does not have a variance must seek approval from the village/board.

• **Discussion & Vote**

1. *An existing decorative, cowboy or split rail fences can stay if and only when they are properly maintained. They can be sealed or stained but not painted.* Not much discussion.
 - Roll Call Vote: 8 yeas, no nays.

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2. *Cyclone, stockade or any other fence must be removed unless the owner has received a variance from the village. If a variance has been received the fence must always be maintained and must be removed when the seller vacates the property.* - Vigorous discussion ensued. Member Rawski brought up the fact that several homes in the Bartlett area of IHP have fences and indicated that it could cause a hardship for homeowners if they are forced to remove them. Committee members pointed out that each homeowner has the right to ask for a variance. He further pointed out that potential buyers may be deterred if a variance was obtained for a fence on the basis of removal when the property was sold.
- Roll call vote: 7 yeas, 1 nay

3. *Anyone that wishes to add a fence at any time or keep a current fence that does not have a variance must seek approval from the village/board.*
- **Shawn, I can't read my own handwriting on this one. Did Rawski vote for or against!?**

Member Svestka suggested that a fourth item be added to our recommendations to P&Z Committee that would remove the word "trellise" from the current fencing ordinance. The wording recommended for the fourth item:

4. *Remove the word trellises from definition of the current fencing ordinance.*
- Roll Call Vote: 8 yeas, no nays

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- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 via Zoom. The main topic will be sheds.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm CST