

MINUTES

FOXFIRE VILLAGE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

December 21, 2015

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Gilroy at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken by Secretary David Meldrum and Mary Gilroy, Steve Martin and Tom McClellan were present; Beckie Pahner was absent.

Don Boito resigned from the Board after being elected to the Foxfire Village Council in November of 2015.

Others Present:

None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to waive a reading of the November 16, 2015 meeting minutes at this meeting was made by Mary Gilroy, seconded by David Meldrum and approved unanimously by all Board members present.

OLD BUSINESS

Land Use Plan Update

Chairperson Gilroy updated the Board on the status of the LUP. She said that the Citizens Board will get the first look at the draft LUP, it then will be presented to us at our January 2016 meeting for our review, after which a draft LUP will be presented to the Village Council at their next work council meeting. It will then come back to us for changes, if any, and the Board will submit a recommended LUP to the Village Council.

Public Hearing

The Board discussed the impact of state legislation SB-25 on zoning ordinances and the need for holding a public hearing, when making any necessary ordinance changes to not be in conflict with SB-25.

It was also decided that the issue involving what fencing to allow in recreational districts required more looking into as to what types of fencing is available before making a recommendation. This involves what type of permanent fencing to allow around the storage area near residential units and the Foxfire Golf Clubhouse.

NEW BUSINESS

David Meldrum informed the Board that he will be resigning from the P&Z Board effectively March 31, 2016.

New Vice Chairman

Chairperson Mary Gilroy brought up the need to appoint a new Vice Chairman because of the resignation of Don Boito. She asked us all to consider the position, so action can be taken to fill this position at our next meeting.

RS 20, 30 and 40 square foot requirements

The Village Council asked the Board to review the Village's minimum residential structure square footage ("sq. ft.") requirements for RS-20, 30 and 40 zoned property and compare them to requirements found in other towns. After discussing other town minimum sq. ft. requirements, it was decided our current minimums of 1,500 sq. ft. for RS 20 and 1,800 sq. ft. for RS 30 and 40 zoned housing is reasonable. It was decided that we should include wording to the effect that a minimum of one-half of the total sq. ft. should be on the first floor, or a minimum of 1,000 sq. ft. on the first floor. This minimum sq. ft. requirement would not include unheated areas, porches and all automobile garage areas. The exact wording will be finalized at our next meeting.

With no other business at this meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Steve Martin, seconded by David Meldrum and unanimously approved at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Meldrum, Secretary