

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

OCONOMOWOC LAKE PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF Monday, July 7, 2008. Unofficial until approved by the Plan Commission. Approved as written () or with corrections () on _____.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held before the regular monthly meeting of the Plan Commission of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake at 7:00 PM, Monday, July 7, 2008, at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc. Legal requirements for notification as required by law have been met. Roll was taken with the following in attendance:

Mr. Kneiser/Chairperson – present
Messrs., Bickler, Birbaum, Clarkson, Foster, Langenbach,
Lyons, Owens/Members – present
Ms. Schlieve/Clerk-Treasurer – present
Mr. Wiemer/Police Chief-Administrator – present
Mr. Macy/Attorney – present

Attendance

See attached list.

Request of the Oconomowoc Lake Club, 4668 Lake Club Circle, a Wisconsin non-profit corporation, to amend their current conditional use which allows the Oconomowoc Lake Club to operate a lake club in the Village of Oconomowoc Lake.

Mr. Lyons excused himself from the Plan Commission table due to conflict of interest in this matter, and in order to present the request of the Oconomowoc Lake Club (Lake Club). Mr. Lyons highlighted specific changes being requested to the conditional use agreement currently in force, including the following items:

- Removal of construction language
- Change in hours of operation for Fridays (open until 1 a.m. instead of midnight) and Sundays (open until 11 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. with the possibility of Dockside being open longer for a few events during the year)
- Ability to do emergency work on the property outside of the approved hours
- A change in the parking plan that would minimize overflow parking on the road; include shuttling for events; the overflow parking would be restricted to north of Lake Club Circle on both sides of the street
- Boat launching is currently allowed between May and September; the Lake Club requests a change to indicate that boats may also be launched in other months
- An increase in the number of Lake Club functions
- A request that there be no restriction on the number of members the Lake Club is allowed to have, noting that fire codes would be obeyed with regard to events held
- The nuisance clause would be changed to indicate that the Lake Club would follow all local, state, and federal government laws
- Removal of the mediation clause

Mr. Frank Norris, of 4658 Lake Club Circle, spoke on behalf of Mrs. Elisabeth Korosec (4650 Lake Club Circle), Ms. Marie Kasten (4654 Lake Club Circle), and himself and his wife. He provided a printed copy of his comments and concerns, which is attached.

Mrs. Shirley Norris, of 4658 Lake Club Circle, added that she thought that the membership figure had been derived from the number of residences in the Village when the conditional use was created.

Ms. Marie Kasten, of 4654 Lake Club Circle, noted that in her opinion the Lake Club does not honor the current conditional use, and she is concerned that the proposed changes will make the situation more difficult. She also advised that she would favor shuttling for employees.

Mr. Michael Lund, attorney representing Ms. Kasten, also noted concerns regarding the removal of certain language in the proposed conditional use amendment, specifically dealing with outdoor noise, parking issues, nuisances, and lake access, and commented that the proposal is detrimental to the community.

Mr. James Connelly, of 4648 Lake Club Circle, expressed his support of the Lake Club noting that his experience since 1995 has been that the Lake Club is a good neighbor and provides an opportunity to spend time with neighbors.

Mr. Ed Johnson, of 35934 North Beach Road, suggested that the Lake Club should only be open until 10 p.m., not 11 p.m., on Sunday. He also noted that if parking is allowed on Lake Club Circle, it is hazardous for walkers, and he would rather see buses bring guests to the Lake Club rather than more cars allowed to park at the Lake Club or in the neighborhood.

Ms. Susie Borland, of 4678 Lake Club Circle, expressed her support of the Lake Club noting that she has enjoyed living next to the Lake Club since she was a child. She commented that perhaps better communications between the neighbors and the Lake Club would be helpful.

Request of Ewald Chevrolet Buick LLC, 36833 E. Wisconsin Avenue, a Wisconsin for-profit corporation, to amend their current conditional use to allow for the construction of a 2,300 square foot showroom, to be attached to the Ewald Chevrolet building, to display automobiles, specifically, Suzuki automobiles.

Mr. Brian Ewald explained that his company had originally planned to remodel the existing showroom to allow for the display of Suzuki automobiles; however, after reviewing the situation realized that they actually needed additional building space. The proposed addition is 2,300 square feet and the height will be consistent with the current building. There will be no additional lighting added. The Suzuki sign will be backlit, and has been previously approved.

Motion (Bickler/Foster) to adjourn the public hearing, Carried unanimously. The hearing was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cindy J. Schlieve, Clerk-Treasurer