

VILLAGE OF HOWARDS GROVE
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ken Plummer. Present were Jerry Dempksi, Ken Plummer, Diane VanMinsel, Mike Jarentowski, Dan Redman, and Mary Zore. Absent were Jack Bunge, Kevin Jump and Jim Schuette. Also present were Jim Scheiber and Village Engineer Scott Schramm.

Motion Redman, second VanMinsel and carried 5-0 to approve the March 10th meeting minutes.

Schramm talked about the goals and objectives for business building standards. Schramm said it is reasonable to require standards to promote aesthetic environment and provide simple maintenance for property owners. The standards must be applied consistently.

Schramm provided a handout to guide the discussion. The Commission discussed the types of materials and percent of use allowed.

Redman commented the goal is to have affordable but nice looking buildings that need to last. Jarentowski said we should incorporate cement board into the minimum standards. VanMinsel said we need consistent standards that apply to all classes. We envision a certain look for the Village. Plummer said two things attracted him to the Village, a clean aesthetic look and good schools. Dempksi said he was concerned about the affordability of building. 25% metal seems restrictive.

Some things to consider for the next meeting are the gage and coating of the metal allowed, should standing seam roofs be exempt from the metal requirement, allow rough cedar and handy plank, relax side & back requirements for percent of brick unless a corner lot, color palette, require color plan drawing for review rather than specify color scheme, raise the amount of architectural metals and standing seam metal allowed and not allow vinyl siding.

Plummer said we could name the types of buildings we won't allow. Schramm said we could say pre-manufactured buildings are not allowed.

Zore said the Commission should consider a less restrictive code for the accessory buildings that will be built in this district. Should consider maybe 40% instead of 25% metal.

The Commission discussed landscaping requirements.

Motion Jarentowski, second VanMinsel and carried 5-0 to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.