

Minutes

To: Code Review Committee Members
Village Clerk

Date: 18 September, 2014

Re: Meeting of 08/25/14

by Art Appleby

Village hall, 6 pm

Members present: Appleby, Bush, Donovan, Duff, CEO Miller, Trustee Hannan

Minutes of 7/28 – held because of the omission of Member Donovan volunteering to do research.

Discussion regarding skateboards in parks.

- Chief Dan Varrenti commented in an email to CEO Miller and Chair Appleby that skateboarding in the parks, although it may be at times dangerous and destructive, is not prohibited by law nor is the term ‘reckless’ defined anywhere in the code. Thus, he said, it would be impossible to enforce any ban on skateboarding. He also stated that a complete ban on skateboarding on village property could be the only way to remove the village from liability in the case of injury caused by people skateboarding on public property.
- Art will ask Village Attorney Mastrella his opinion on this and other ‘reckless’ behaviors prohibited in the proposed parks law.

Discussion regarding sidewalk cafes,

- Member Donovan brought copies of Chapter 255 of Spencerport’s code book pertaining to sidewalk cafes.
- Member Donovan also measured Brockport’s sidewalk in the section near Jo Matela’s Redbird Tea Shop, and found it to be 7’-8’ of concrete sidewalk plus 7’ of brick paved sidewalk. This could allow 10’ for tables and chairs with a 4’ walkway for pedestrians. Observation of the various businesses shows different approaches to this set-up.

- CEO Miller wondered about the space potentially needed by automobiles in parking and by people exiting from them, opening doors, etc. This could use up to 4' of the brick part of the sidewalk. Since the ADA required minimum space for pedestrians is 3', this would leave 7'-8' for café tables and chairs in that section of the business district. Other areas may have narrower or wider sidewalks.
- Liability is an issue if cars or trucks back over curbs or have long bodies that extend over sidewalks during parking maneuvering. This might be an argument against use of the brick portion of the sidewalk for café tables. Small tables might be the answer in some instances.
- In any event, the formula used by Brockport for determining table and chair placement could be changed from 50% of the concrete sidewalk to an area allowing no less than 3'-4' unencumbered for pedestrians.

Discussion regarding Historic Preservation Board needs vis-à-vis Chapters 36 and 58. CEO Miller suggested that the issue of signs in the business district could be streamlined.

The committee was polled regarding the selection of a secretary. Members felt that a tape recorder should be used instead. Chair Appleby will continue to write the minutes. Regarding a vice-chair, member Appleby nominated member Donovan, who agreed. Member Duff seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm – motion by member Donovan, second by member Duff

Next meeting will be on Monday, September 22, 2014.