

June 29, 1999

Mr. William J. Mueller  
Village President, and  
Board of Trustees  
Village of Lombard

**Subject: ZBA 99-16: 152 South Main Street**

Dear President and Trustees:

Your Zoning Board of Appeals transmits for your consideration its recommendation on the above-referenced petition. The petitioner requests a variation to the Lombard Sign Ordinance to allow a wall sign in conjunction with an awning, and to increase the number of wall signs permitted in the B5 Central Business District.

Nancy Hill, AICP, Planner II presented the petition. She explained that the petitioner for this case is the Village of Lombard on the behalf of the Masonic Lodge. She stated that the Village is working with that group to improve their building located at the northwest corner of Main Street and Maple Street. The Village of Lombard has approved a grant, which would pay for half of Masonic Temple's façade renovations. As part of their façade renovation, the Masonic Lodge would like to install more signage. The Masonic Lodge is proposing to take down the existing metal awning and replace it with a fabric awning sign, and to install more wall signage. In order to install the awning sign and more wall signage, the Masonic Lodge needs variations. Ms. Hill explained that staff recommends approval of these variations.

Val Corrado asked why the Village paying for this. Ms. Hill responded by stating the Village paid for the costs of the public hearing fees and presented the petition because the Masonic Lodge applied for a grant to improve their property.

Gregory Young asked why the Village paying for a portion of the awnings. Ms. Hill stated that the Village has a façade renovation grant program to help encourage businesses in the downtown area to improve their facades. The Masonic Lodge applied for and received the grant, which is helping pay for the awnings. The grant is funded through TIF monies. Mr. Young then asked if this issue would come up again. Ms. Hill stated that staff is considering a text

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amendment to the Sign Ordinance so that this issue will not come up to the ZBA again.

There was no one to speak for or against the petition.

After due consideration of the submitted petition and the testimony presented, the Zoning Board of Appeals submits this petition to the Corporate Authorities with a recommendation for approval. The roll call vote was 4 to 0 to approve ZBA 99-16.

Respectfully,

**VILLAGE OF LOMBARD**

Eugene Polley  
Vice-Chairperson  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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