

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Economic & Community Development Committee

Anthony Puccio, Chairperson
Reid Foltyniewicz, Alternate Chairperson
Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Matthew Pike, Brian
LaVaque, Paula Dillon, Laine Vant Hoff, Gregory Ladle and
Alan Bennett

Staff Liaison: William Heniff

Monday, July 8, 2019 7:00 PM Village Hall

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Puccio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

2.0 Roll Call

Present 7 - Anthony Puccio, Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Matthew Pike, Paula Dillon, Gregory Ladle, and Alan Bennett

Absent 2 - Brian LaVaque, and Laine Vant Hoff

Also present: William Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development; Jennifer Ganser, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development

3.0 Public Participation

Mr. Mark Czarnowski, owner of The Game Show, said he was here last month and spoke on the coin-ops. He said he opened on July 1st. He read a portion of Village Code regarding the entertainment tax. He said he was hoping to not pay the coin-operated device fee. He said the entertainment tax is on top of an admission fee. He discussed how Chicago and other suburbs have an entertainment tax. He paid the Village approximately \$4,000 in a coin-operated license fee even though his games don't take coins. He said this is compared to his gross receipts in week 1 of \$700 to \$800.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Pike, and seconded by Mr. Ladle, the minutes of the June

10, 2019 meeting were approved by the members present.

5.0 Unfinished Business

190231

Coin-Operations and Amusement Tax - Amendments to Section 110.20 of the Village Code

Staff is bringing a potential text amendment forward for review by the Economic Community Development Commission (ECDC) as it pertains to coin operated amusement devices commonly but not exclusively associated with arcade establishments. Staff requests the ECDC review this as a business policy/regulation.

Mr. Heniff noted this discussion is continued from last month. Staff has a new memo and answered the questions from the last meeting. Staff still recommends option A. Ms. Aranas noted Village Code Section 110.29 which includes non-coin operated devices. She said the Village Attorney advised against businesses picking which fee structure they would like to pay. Staff also met with Enchanted Castle and discussed his system. They pay both fees and their cards keep track of which games are picked to pay the correct fees.

Mr. Nielsen clarified that Enchanted Castle pays both and Mr. Partipilo said yes. They pay approximately \$12,000 in coin-operated fees and also the 5% amusement tax. Mr. Bennet said the motion was tabled at the last meeting and he will make a motion to remove it from the table. Mr. McNicholas seconded the motion. Mr. Bennett gave a summary of the motion and the last meeting. Ms. Dillon asked why the Village Attorney doesn't want businesses to pick the fee structure. Ms. Aranas said that would open the ordinance up to challenges and it could allow businesses to change their mind and therefore start/stop a fee. Mr. Ladle said the amusement tax would generate more revenue and staff should consider that down the road as many new businesses are entertainment based. Mr. McNicholas said options may be confusing to a business and a change in the fee structure could impact Enchanted Castle which is a large business. He said he understands small businesses but was concerned how others would react and that he agrees with Village Counsel. Mr. Nielsen clarified that the amusement tax paid by Enchanted Castle is not in the chart and Mr. Partipilo said yes. Mr. Pike said that everyone agreed last month to lower the fee to \$75 per machine.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett and a second by Mr. McNicholas, the ECDC unanimously voted to remove the motion regarding coin-operated fees from the table.

Aye: 6 - Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Matthew Pike, Paula Dilon, Greg Ladle, and Alan Bennett

Absent: 2 - Brian LaVaque, and Laine Hoff

On a motion by Mr. Bennett and a second by Mr. Pike, the ECDC unanimously recommended approval of the Option A, Proposal 1 to the Village Board regarding coin-operation licensing fees

Aye: 6 - Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Matthew Pike, Paula Dillon, Gregory Ladle, and Alan Bennett

Absent: 2 - Brian LaVaque, and Laine Vant Hoff

6.0 New Business

190279 Proposed Butterfield Yorktown Business District (BD2) - Draft Grant Program and Policy

Discuss and review the first draft and parameters of the proposed Butterfield Yorktown Business District Grant Program and Policy (BD2)

Mr. Heniff said at the July 18th Board meeting, the Board will vote on an ordinance to announce a public hearing in August. Staff has been working on the Business District with our consultant and the ECDC. No action is required on the draft grant program because the BD hasn't been formally adopted yet. This policy will help the ECDC with future requests of the BD. The BD will add a 1% tax that can help a business revitalize, remodel, or build new. Mr. McNicholas said the document is good and a reflection of what the ECDC has done over the years. Ms. Dillon asked if a business could expand and Mr. Heniff said yes.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

1. Social Media and Board, Committee, and Commission Training Mr. Partipilo reviewed a powerpoint for the handbook. He reviewed the general information, ethics, social media, and the roles. Next, he reviewed the social media policy for commissioners, which is attached to the handbook. He said posts on social media should be made clear they are your opinion and not that of the Village or the ECDC.

2. 101 S Main Street Property

Ms. Ganser said the Plan Commission reviewed the proposal and recommended approval to the Village Board. The item will go to the Village Board on July 18th and August 15th

9.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Pike and a second by Ms. Dillon, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.