

Village of Deer Park Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

June 15, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

Deer Park Vehe Barn, 23570 W. Cuba Road, Deer Park, Illinois 60010

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Public Comments – Sign-in prior to meeting at podium; 5 minutes time limit per person

Trustee Lemme

- a. Street Sign Reimbursement Program **Page 3**

Village Administrator McAndrews

- a. Fences **Pages 5-6**

Old and/or New Business

Consideration of Motion to adjourn to Executive Session - If needed

Adjourn

DATE: June 15, 2023

TO: Village Board of Trustees

FROM: Village Staff

RE: HOA Decorative Street Sign Reimbursement Program

The Squires HOA is requesting the Village provide financial assistance for the cost to install 7 new HOA decorative street signs. The HOA is requesting, at a minimum, the Village contribute the amount the Village would incur for installing Village standard street signs, which is approximately \$300 per sign, a total amount of \$2,100.

To date, the Village does not have a policy for reimbursing HOAs for any cost related to decorative street sign.

The Village offers an HOA Landscape Reimbursement Program.

At the direction of the Board, Staff solicited surrounding communities and no community provides financial assistance for HOA decorative signs. The communities solicited included all the BACOG communities, Inverness, Kildeer, Long Grove and Hawthorn Woods.

Anytime an HOA solicits the Village about improving or replacing decorative street signs, Staff inform them that the Village will incur all cost related to removing existing HOA decorative street signs and installing new Village standard signs.

HOAs that have self-funded the cost to install new decorative signs include Deer Lake Meadows and Hamilton Estates.

Respectfully,

Village Staff

Village of Deer Park

DATE: June 15, 2023
TO: Village Board of Trustees
FROM: Village Staff
RE: Fence Code; Chapter 151 & Compliance

We would like to provide you with a summary of what has occurred with fence compliance since the fence code was last amended in 2017.

1. In December of 2017, the Village Board amended the Fence code, which incorporated the following main items;
 - Material not permitted – Chain link, mesh, or wire fabric
 - Material permitted – Wood, aluminum, wrought iron, or vinyl. No mixture permitted
 - Height – No more than 4 feet
 - Density – At least 50% Open
 - Compliance below;

§151.13 COMPLIANCE

All fencing must comply with the regulations of this Chapter 151 within three (3) years from December 21, 2017 of this amended Chapter unless the property owner has previously received a variance/special use permit from the Village for said fence. Any fence that needs at least fifty (50) percent repair on December 21, 2017 compliance date must come into full compliance with this Chapter 151 at the time of said repair.

2. A village-wide survey of fences was performed spring of 2018. The survey revealed approximately 30 properties with fences that were clearly non-compliant and 90 properties with fences that appeared non-compliant. Those residents who were previously granted a Zoning Variation by ordinance are exempt of compliance by virtue of the variation.
3. First Compliance letters were mailed to residents February 2019, requesting compliance take place within 3 years (February 2022). The letters asked for cooperation in bringing fences into compliance. The ability to obtain a zoning variance was explained in the letter. A fence variation application requires a \$150 filing fee and \$1,000 refundable deposit.
4. For those fences not in compliance by April 2023, a second round of letters were mailed requesting compliance by July 1, 2023.
5. Fence zoning variations have been granted to several residents that back up to Ela Rd.

6. A Variation request was presented at the June 5, 2023 P&Z for a solid 6-foot fence at the corner of Deer Chase Ct & Lake Cook Rd. Four different motions were proposed and all failed. The applicant has withdrawn their variation request and plans to install a compliant fence.
7. Public comments have been heard at the most recent Board and Planning & Zoning meetings from residents regarding fences. One resident spoke at May's BOT asking the board to allow her to keep a non-compliance fence based upon the fence being permitted at the time the home was built. Legally, the Village has no record of the permit. Comments heard at the June 5th P&Z pertain to residents asking the Board to allow solid 6-foot fences along busy roads.
8. Please note, it is the discretion of the Village Board to amend the Village Code.

Respectfully,

Village Staff
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