

# Village Plan Commission / ZBA Meeting Agenda

# Wednesday, August 10, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. - Village Hall Board Room

In accordance with recent amendments to the Open Meetings Act that authorize remote meeting attendance during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chair of the Plan Commission has determined that it is not prudent or practical to conduct an in-person meeting for all members of the Plan Commission and the public due to the pandemic. Therefore, some or all of the Plan Commission members may attend this meeting by electronic means, in compliance with the amended OMA.

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# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT \*
- 4. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL
  - A. A Motion to Approve Minutes from the April 13, 2022 Plan Commission/ZBA Meeting
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD ON A TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9 OF THE GILBERTS UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REGARDING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON FENCES
- 6. NEW BUSINESS
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS
  - A. Village Administrator Report

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of Gilberts complies with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA). For accessibility Assistance, please contact the Village Clerk at the Village Hall, telephone number is 847-428-2861. Assistive services will be provided upon request.

\* Intended for public comment on issues not otherwise on the agenda.



# MINUTES FOR VILLAGE OF GILBERTS SPECIAL PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING Village Hall: 87 Galligan Road, Gilberts, IL 60136 Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 13, 2022

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

# 2. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Village Clerk Courtney Baker called the roll. Roll call: Members present: Commissioners Page, Sullivan, Lateer, and Chairman Mills. Commissioners Borgardt, Del Vecchio, and McHone were absent. Others present: Village Administrator Brian Bourdeau and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

# 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

### 4. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A. A Motion to approve Minutes from the January 12, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Page and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to Approve the Minutes from the January 12, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting. Roll call vote: Commissioners Page, Sullivan, Lateer and Chairman Mills voted Aye. 0-nays. Motion carried.

# 5. PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD ON AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE CONCERNING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ROUTE 72 AND CENTER DRIVE (02-24-155-003)

A Motion was made by Commissioner Page and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to open the public hearing. Roll call vote: Commissioners Page, Sullivan, Lateer, and Chairman Mills voted Aye. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Administrator Bourdeau advised the Commission that the Village received an application from the current owner of Gilberts Animal Hospital on the construction of a new facility. Per the GTC Annexation Agreement, the use of the property requires a special use permit.

The applicant's attorney provided a brief overview of the proposed facility. Commissioner Page inquired about the number of animals that would be allowed in the proposed private dog park. The applicant stated that there would never be more than 80 total dogs in the hospital and boarding facility,

and much less than that in the dog park at any given time due to the dogs needing the proper supervision.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Page and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Commissioners Page, Sullivan, Lateer, and Chairman Mills voted Aye. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

# 6. RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD ON AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE CONCERNING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ROUTE 72 AND CENTER DRIVE (02-24-155-003)

A Motion was made by Commissioner Page and seconded by Commissioner Lateer to Provide a Positive Recommendation to the Village Board on an Application for a Special Use Concerning the Property Located at the Northwest Corner of Route 72 and Center Drive Subject to the Following Conditions: Comply with Plans Presented, Obtain all Necessary Permits, and the Applicant is to Provide Open-style Fencing as Approved by the Village Administrator. Roll call vote: Commissioners Page, Sullivan, Lateer, and Chairman Mills voted Aye. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

# 7. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss at this time.

# 8. OTHER BUSINESS

Village Administrator advised the Commission the process for the Comprehensive Plan is currently underway and they are currently in the data gathering process. There is now a live website that will accept feedback.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further public business to discuss, a Motion was made by Commissioner Page and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to adjourn from the public meeting at 7:25 p.m. Voice vote of Aye carried unanimously. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Baker Village Clerk VILLAGE OF GILBERTS PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING A HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GILBERTS UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Gilberts Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing on August 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at Gil-berts Village Holl, 87 Gali-gan Road, Gilberts, Illinois, to consider a text amend-ment to Chapter 9 of the Gil-berts Village Holl, 87 Gali-gan Road, Gilberts, Illinois, to consider a text amend-ment to Chapter 9 of the Gil-berts Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") regard-ing height restrictions on fences. All persons interested in the proposed amendment may attend and will be given an opportunity to provide writ-ten and oral testimany. Ad-ditional information about the proposed amendment may attend and will be given an opportunity to provide writ-ten ond oral testimany. Ad-ditional information about the proposed amendment may attend the public hearing are available from the Village of Gilberts of (847) 428-Z861. The public hearing may be continued from time to time without further pub-lic notice. Gilberts Plan Commission Village of Gilberts Published in Daily Heraid July 25, 2022 (4585770)

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To:	Plan Commission
From: CC:	Riley Lynch, Management Analyst Brian Bourdeau, Village Administrator
Date:	August 10th, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting
Re:	Item 5: Increasing the maximum fence height to 6ft

### **Background:**

The Village's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) currently states that "*Except as otherwise expressly provided by this code, no fence shall extend to more than five feet in height*" (UDO 9-3C). This restriction of five feet tall fences typically refers to residential fences in backyards. Note that fences in front yards and patio/screening fences have their own regulations pertaining to height. The Village has received multiple permit requests for six-foot fences in rear yards. While not currently allowed but in response to interest, the Village surveyed surrounding communities to ascertain allowable fence heights. The communities in our immediate vicinity, including neighbors such as Hampshire, Huntley, Algonquin, and Elgin all allow six-foot fences in the rear yards.

### **Item for Consideration:**

The proposed text amendment before the Plan Commission would modify UDO Section 9-3(C) to allow for fences in residential zoned districts to be a maximum of six feet in height unless expressly provided for by the UDO.

"For a text amendment, there are no specific findings of fact required for a requested zoning code text amendment, but the Plan Commission will evaluate the request against the intent of this code, the recommendations of the comprehensive plan, and the public health, safety and general welfare. The wisdom of amending the zoning map or the text of this code is a matter committed to the sound legislative discretion of the Board of Trustees." UDO Section 10-11-9(E)(2).

### Recommendation

The Plan Commission is requested to provide a recommendation to the Board on the text amendment to increase the height fences, unless expressly provided for elsewhere in the UDO, in residential districts from five feet to six feet.