Village of Millbrook Village Planning Board

September 24, 2009 Meeting

Call to Order

Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Linda Roberts, Chairman, Joe Forte, Charles Colomello, Dr. Thomas Murray, David Clouser, Engineer

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the August 27, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Murray made a motion to accept and Charlie Colomello seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

Millbrook Nails-Sign Review

No applicant appeared before the Planning Board for the sign review.

Old Business

The Thorne Project-Site Plan Review

Mike and Erica Downing came before the Planning Board to address a letter that they had received a carbon copy of from the Planning Board to Mayor Andrew Ciferri in regards to raised seating in the auditorium of the Thorne Building, Linda Roberts, Planning Board Chair began by stating that the Downing's were specifically asked if they were going to be adding raised seating or balconies to the auditorium and the answer given to the Planning Board was no. Now the Board's hearing that raised seating and handicapped ramps are being installed and no such renovations were authorized as per site plan. Mike responded that there will be no permanent changes to the auditorium. They are installing platforms in each of the rear corners of the auditorium that will accommodate either 8 or 9 seats or 1 to 2 tables depending on the vent. These will be free standing and will not be attached to the walls or floor. There will be a curtain in front of the platforms so that they will be able to be used as storage and have a wrought iron railing in the front of them for safety reasons. Mike again stated that they will not be changing any of the structure in the building at all.

Since these will not be permanent structures, the Thorne Project is not in violation to the interior floor and no further action is necessary.

Other Business

The Planning Board received a letter from Mayor Ciferri in regards to the necessity of 2 Planning Boards meetings a month. In the letter the Mayor stated that he has been receiving complaints from applicants and contractors to speed up the Planning Board application process. Not only does he feel this will alleviate these complaints but the Planning Board may also use this extra meeting a month to discuss Village Code and the updates that the members feel are needed.

After discussing this the Planning Board has noted the letter and yet again responds that all members are more than willing to meet on an as needed basis for emergent situations. They will also discuss Village Code at their regularly scheduled meetings so that Planning Board Consultant David Clouser can be present. Currently there is no escrow for Code review and no funds to pay him to come out the Village for a second meeting. Once the members feel as though they have finished with their review they will seek out a joint meeting with the Village Board of Trustees to discuss the Code.

Executive Session

Dr. Thomas Murray made a motion at 8:11 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Charlie Colomello seconded. All were in favor.

Charlie Colomello made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Dr. Murray seconded. All were in favor.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn by Dr. Murray and seconded by Charles Colomello. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.