

# VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH PLANNING COMMISSION

## Minutes of meeting held June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: , Larry Essenberg, Lynn Spearing, Al Drenth, Mary Neer, Jerry Klooster  
Absent –

Visitors – People from the Village of Ellsworth

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Larry E opened Public Hearing.

Purpose – To take comments on the Proposed Dollar General Store site plans, a special use permit is required and they are also requesting a variance to the required number of parking spaces from 61 to 30 spaces which will require Zoning Board of Appeal approval.

Village of Ellsworth had a consultant review the proposed site plan for compliance with applicable Village Ordinances and County standards. This review was read out loud to the group attending.

Public Comment – Concern raised about storm water runoff from the ball fields and the building and parking lot of Proposed Dollar General site. This will be addressed per requirements for storm water runoff. Concern about lighting, style, type and hours they will be lit. Lighting will be down lighting, lights will turn off 1 hour after closing, proposed closing time is 10:00 pm. Concern about the size and height of the Dollar General road side sign. Sign size on the proposed site plan is larger than the requirements, size will be adjusted to meet the requirements, instead of the sign being raised Dollar General will design for ground level sign. Concern about pavement stopping just past the entrance to the store, not continuing to the proposed site of the recycle area. Not in Dollar General's scope, not required. Question was asked about curbs – Curbs will be installed on the public part till it gets to the Dollar General property. No concerns about the number of parking spaces requested. Discussion on light and camera for the recycle area from the Dollar General Store.

Larry E. closed the Public Hearing.

Planning Commission Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Old Business – None

New Business – Planning commission discussed the request for a variance to the number of parking spaces required, from 61 to 30.

Motion was made and supported to recommend to Village Council to approve the variance for required parking spaces from 61 to 30 spaces. Motion Carried 5-0.

Planning commission discussed all the concerns raised at the public meeting, also reviewed the consultant's report on the Proposed Site Plan.

Motion was made and supported to recommend to Village Council to follow the findings of the report submitted by Verland Engineering, LLC dated 04-03-20. Motion Carried 5-0.

Planning commission discussed the concern about the height of the sign from the public meeting.

Motion was made and supported to recommend to Village Council to change the location of the road side Dollar General Sign from a raised sign to a ground level sign. Motion Carried 5-0.

Verland Engineering, LLC Report dated 04-03-20 will be included in Planning Commission minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Klooster".

Jerry Klooster

**Next Meeting will be July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**