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VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/7/21

ATTENDANCE

Development Board Members: Donna Difara, Chairperson, Present
Paul Herrmann, Present
Adam Harris, Present
Elias Pelletieri, Present
Rick Weber, Present
Bill Domenico, Alternate, Excused

Paul Blaine, Development Code Administrator, Present
Cassandra Hopkins, Administrative Assistant, Present

CONVENE

Donna Difara opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Paul Herrmann joined the meeting at 6:10pm.

Motion to approve November 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes by Elias Pelletieri, seconded by Rick Weber.

Difara asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call: Adam Harris, yes; Pelletieri, yes; Weber, yes; and Difara, yes. All in favor, meeting minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Difara recognized that the Board will reopen the Public Comment if a member of the public joins the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Blaine explained the Code Amendments to the board in order of priority.

The Board members individually brainstormed potential Code changes and additions based on issues that have been brought to their attention, in addition to the existing list which is issue-driven and based on the direction the Development Code Administrator receives from the Board of Trustees.

Difara recognized that there are changes in development that might not have been conceptualized yet when this Code was adopted. She added that cideries can fit into a definition, perhaps with the brewery definition.

Weber recognized that this Code has elements similar to the APA standards, which may not be applicable to all districts' development.

Pelletieri stated that he has no issue with moving forward on some Code amendment recommendations tonight, such as the redundant definitions to be eliminated.

Blaine to look at previous Code for minimum lot sizes across all districts.

The Board will continue this discussion at the next regular meeting, January 4th, 2022, specifically in regards to removing redundant definitions and definitions not otherwise referenced in the Code, Development Code Administrator approval, minimum lot size, and occupancy records.

NEW BUSINESS

Blaine reminded the Board about several Development Board procedures. Board members to individually follow up with Cassandra Hopkins in the event that registration needs to take place for any training.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Herrmann, seconded by Weber.

Difara asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call: Harris, yes; Pelletieri, yes; Weber, yes; Herrmann, yes; and Difara, yes. All in favor, meeting adjourned. Meeting was officially adjourned at 7:45pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Cassandra Hopkins, on December 28th, 2021.
Community Development Administrative Assistant