

Village of Alfred
Planning and Zoning Board Minutes
October 6, 2016 Meeting

Members Present: Ellen Bahr, Austin Bower, Sherman Clarke, Liz Cronin, Karrie Edwards, Herb Ehrig (Chairperson), Lou Greiff

Non-Members Present: Peter McClain (Village Board representative)

1. The minutes of the September 1, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. The PZB considered an application from Maureen Soule for a 6-foot high fence to be located on her property at 156 North Main Street. It will be a 90-foot long wooden stockade-style fence. Herb Ehrig modified the proposed-fence drawing to maintain the necessary setback from the property line. The Board discussed whether or not special use permits are necessary for fences more than 4 feet high. A motion made by Liz Cronin and seconded by Karrie Edwards was passed unanimously to approve Maureen Soule's application (16-00023). PZB approval will be sufficient to initiate the project unless additional issues arise, in which case the application will be put before the Village Board.
3. Applications will be forthcoming for three new signs at Gentleman Jim's, the liquor store, and the Laundromat.
4. Peter McClain summarized the September Village Board meeting. The Board discussed a possible moratorium on tiny houses, mobile homes, and trailers. Cluster development was discussed as a possibility for tiny houses in the village. Mayor Justin Grigg is forming a committee to consider the tiny house issue. The committee will be made up of two members of the PZB, two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, one member from the Town of Alfred Board, and two Village of Alfred residents. Allegany County is also reviewing the proposed moratorium. The Village Comprehensive Plan has been sent to consultants for review.
5. Liz Cronin suggested the need to reinstate super-trash collections, perhaps one per semester rather than every month. Mayor Justin Grigg is discussing this issue with Casella's, the village trash contractor.
6. Liz Cronin asked if a new fraternity had been established on North Main Street in Paul Johnson's former house. There is no new fraternity at that property, but a fraternity sign appeared on the lawn last summer because a reunion was held there.
7. Concern was expressed that John Gordon's former house on North Main Street is becoming a zombie property.
8. A motion made by Ellen Bahr and seconded by Austin Bower to adjourn was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis K. Greiff, Acting Secretary