

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Mayfield Village  
Dec 5, 2022**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session on Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Civic Center, Civic Hall. Chairman Syracuse presided.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Mr. Vetus Syracuse Chairman  
Dr. Sue McGrath Chairman Pro Tem  
Mr. Allen Meyers Council Rep  
Mr. Paul Fikaris  
Mr. Jim Kless  
Mr. Henry DeBaggis

**Also Present:** Ms. Diane Calta Law Director  
Mr. Daniel Russell Building Commissioner  
Ms. Deborah Garbo Commission Secretary

**Absent:** Mayor Bodnar  
Mr. John Marquart Economic Dev Manager  
Mr. Tom Cappello Village Engineer  
Ms. Jennifer Juncisek Council Alternate

**Consideration of Meeting Minutes: Oct 3, 2022**

Mr. Kless, seconded by Mr. Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes of Oct 3, 2022.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Mr. Syracuse, Dr. McGrath, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Fikaris, Mr. Kless, Mr. DeBaggis

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**Minutes Approved as Written**

**PROPOSAL**

1. New Fence Regulations (Law Dept)  
Section 1157.08; Permit; Fee

**OPEN PORTION**

Chairman Syracuse stated, this is a regular meeting of the Mayfield Village Planning & Zoning Commission Mon, Dec 5, 2022. We have one proposal before us. At our last workshop meeting we were going through with the Law Dept on the new fence regulations which is Section

1157.08 regarding fence permit and fee. Ms. Calta is here tonight. We didn't have many questions about it that weren't answered or resolved. It was just one perhaps addition that may have been added to it, one type of fence that was raised. Ms. Calta, do you want to address that?

Ms. Calta stated, it's nice to see everyone first off because I don't get to come to these meetings very often. After your meeting, we had a discussion at the Dept Head meeting, I think everybody was there except maybe the Fire Chief, about the additional discussion on the farm fences that I think Mr. Meyers had brought up because you have one of those in your backyard. The consensus at the Dept Head meeting was we'd like to keep Planning Commission to vote on the proposed Ordinance and we can have some further discussions about that sort of fence at Council.

Al, you know your fence as is, is permitted and any repairs or minor adjustments or additions to it would also be grandfathered. I think it would be best and the consensus was to just have Planning Commission vote on the Ordinance proposed and we can have a discussion about farm fences at Council. Or, if we don't need to have that discussion at Council, it would be a situation where anybody that would come in for that sort of fence would just have to ask for a variance. Al, you mentioned it's one of those fences that really blends in, even more so than a chain link fence. I think in the right place, like your yard, based on how you back up to all the property that's undeveloped behind you, it kind of makes sense so that you're not looking at a fence, like a board on board fence.

Mr. Meyers stated, it's a situation where it's applicable to some properties and some aren't. It just depends what people want to do, but it should be an option.

Ms. Calta replied, right. So we thought that would make sense for a variance.

Mr. Meyers replied, absolutely.

Chairman Syracuse stated, so rather than add that, the definition farm fence and have it being a permitted fence, the Law Dept after meeting with Dept Heads is recommending that we just vote on whether or not to recommend the Ordinance as proposed to us at the workshop meeting, whether we recommend and approve it to Council as is. Then that discussion can be held at Council as to whether or not they want to add that or address that.

Mr. Meyers stated, like I said, it's just applicable to the property really and a variance would be the way to go with it.

Chairman Syracuse stated, they'd have to request an area variance which would then go to the Board of Zoning Appeals. They'd have to meet certain criteria, practical difficulties for that to be voted on rather than just permit anyone to put up a farm fence.

Ms. Calta replied, correct.

Chairman Syracuse asked, does anyone have any questions for Ms. Calta or any other concerns regarding that matter?

There was none.

**DECISION**

Mr. Fikaris, seconded by Mr. Meyers made a motion to approve the New Fence Regulations Section 1157.08; Permit; Fee as proposed.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Mr. Syracuse, Dr. McGrath, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Fikaris, Mr. Kless, Mr. DeBaggis

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**Recommendation to Council**

Chairman Syracuse asked, any other business to discuss tonight?

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Meyers made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: All

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Secretary