

MINUTES
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 144
DECEMBER 14, 2016

The Indian Lake Borough Public Hearing was held on December 14, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

THOSE PRESENT:

Lynn Shimer, President
Patricia Dewar
Robert Hanson
Scott Hollern
Robert Marhefka
Terry St. Clair
Curtis Morgese
Michael D. Miscocoe, Mayor
Daniel Rullo, Solicitor
Jerry Bellak, Police Chief
Theresa L. Weyant, Borough Secretary
David Wood, Zoning Officer

THOSE ABSENT:

Visitors – Ronald Petrina, Richard Stern, Tom O’Toole, Ed Price, Don and Gay Reed, Mark Good, Gordon Allen, Jim Jones, Joe Eiginger, Carl Chapman, Brenda Wasson, Barclay and Sara Jones, and Marc Alaia.

The Hearing was called to order at 5:32 P.M. by Lynn Shimer, Council President.

This hearing is being held to consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 144 relative to permitting restaurants in the commercial Marina zoning areas.

A summary of the proposed amendment was advertised in the Somerset Daily American on November 28, 2016.

Hanson reported that the Indian Lake Borough Planning Commission has reviewed the materials presented by Mr. Alaia and they are recommending that Borough Council amend Zoning Ordinance No. 144 to allow for a restaurant on areas zoned Commercial Marina.

Gordon Allen questioned if the Marina has obtained a liquor license? Mr. Alaia stated that he is trying to obtain a liquor license for the Marina.

Jim Jones questioned if arrangements have to be made for the additional vehicle and boat parking? Mr. Alaia stated that he will be adding fingers to the island to accommodate the additional need for boat docking and he has 10 acres to accommodate vehicle parking.

Joe Eiginger questioned where the restaurant was actually going to be? Mr. Alaia stated that the restaurant would be where the showroom currently is.

Someone questioned what the seating capacity of the restaurant would be? Mr. Alaia stated that right now the interior capacity would be 28 and there would be additional tables with seating on the island.

Scott Hollern asked if the restaurant would be a year round operation? Mr. Alaia stated that it would not likely be open year round.

Michael Miscocoe questioned if Labor and Industry compliance has been considered. Mr. Alaia stated that it has.

Robert Hanson questioned if there is any impact on the public launch ramp? Mr. Alaia stated that there is an easement that he has to provide public access to the public launch ramp and that will remain.

Terry St. Clair stated that once the Marina records their approved subdivision plan they will lose the area need for the additional parking. Mr. Alaia informed Council that he is reconsidering not recording the documents for the approved subdivision plan for that reason.

Michael Miscoe stated that he has some concerns with selling liquor and BUI (Boating Under the Influence). Mr. Alaia stated that he has those same concerns.

Terry St. Clair stated that the Borough had trouble with the noise and the drinking and BUI at the Pow Wow Pier when it was operational. Mr. Alaia stated that this would be operated more responsible than the Pow Wow Pier was.

Curt Morgese stated that he didn't think that the restaurant at the Marina would be causing that many problems on the lake.

Robert Hanson question if the Marina is sold. Mr. Alaia stated that it was not sold. Hanson is concerned that if the Marina is sold, the new owner might not be as responsible. Miscoe stated that the Borough could implement conditional uses and the Borough could impose conditions as part of the permitting and if the new owner violates the conditions of the permit the Borough can stop it.

At 6:00 P.M Hanson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Hollern seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. Weyant
Borough Secretary