

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2007**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Attending: Harry Schildkraut, Chairperson
Carol Freeman
Jeff Pathmann
Arnold Thomas
Thomas Kuzmerz
Laura Morgan
Dick Kaiser

Absent: None

Also

Attending: Donna Lobaito, Assistant Village Administrator
Cliff Wright, Trustee Liaison

II. Approval of the minutes from the March 14, 2007 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Kusmerz, second by Thomas to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2007 Meeting.

All in favor, motion passes.

III. Public Hearing

A. None this month

IV. New Business

A. None this month

V. Old Business

A. None this month

VI. Permit Renewal

A. None this month

VII. Discussion

A. Sheds

Assistant Administrator Lobaito read a memo prepared by Administrator Krischke pertaining to sheds. The memo stated the following:

- During the next several months our Community Relations Specialist and other staff members will survey the entire community and document all existing sheds by address and photograph.
- During the same time period, Village staff will prepare an ordinance or resolution determining an appropriate grandfathering and amortization clause for consideration by the Architectural Review Commission and the Village Board.
- This issue will be brought back for further discussion at the August Architectural Review Commission meeting.

Trustee Wright commented that this solution is by far the most appropriate means of addressing the shed issue. He stated that Harry Benstein and summer help will document all sheds in town, staff will notify the homeowners and this item will be brought back to the August ARC meeting. Furthermore, something should be recorded at the County against all the properties.

Ms. Freeman asked what to do about playhouses. Trustee Wright stated that they too should be included on the list.

The question came up as to whether sheds were necessarily a bad thing, especially when extensive landscaping was involved, or if they were architecturally pleasing. Mr. Thomas stated that many subdivisions have covenants that also regulate sheds, but they are difficult to enforce. He felt that the Village should take the initiative and regulate them. Mr. Kusmerz asked if this would become an ordinance. Trustee Wright commented yes.

Ms. Mary Ann McGuire, who was in the audience, asked how playhouses would be addressed. She said that Dick Heintz said he got permission from the Village years ago to build a playhouse. Mr. Thomas commented that unless the property owner got a permit, it should be classified as a shed.

Mr. Pathmann also mentioned the elaborate swing sets that are cropping up.

Ms. Lobaito commented that the Village has copies of all covenants and these could be put on our website. The Commission thought this would be a good information to put on the website.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 PM by Thomas, second by Kusmerz.
All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Harry Schildkraut, Chairperson

Donna Lobaito, Recording Secretary