

Town of Conklin Zoning Board of Appeals – April 5, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harold Cole, Art Boyle, Elizabeth Einstein, Tom Kelly, Paul Schofield, Norm Pritchard

ABSENT: William Northwood, Chairman, Nathan Vanwhy, Attorney

ATTORNEY:

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Lake, Code Officer
Renee Hauss, Secretary
Chuck Francisco, Town Board Liaison

VISITORS:

7:05 P.M. Working Session

Agenda Item #1 Review Article XVII – Signs

At the request of the Town Board, Zoning Board reviewed the following regulations that govern all signs in the Town of Conklin and are making the following recommendations to the Town Board:

Section 140-100 General Sign Regulations

- A. No sign shall be permitted which is animated by means of flashing, blinking, scintillating or traveling lights or any means not providing constant illumination. Public service information signs such as time/weather information and other electronic message centers classified as changeable copy signs are permitted.

The board discussed the difference between the sign at the SV High School and the Fire Department sign. All members agreed that the constant changing that occurs on the SV High School sign is a distraction to drivers, so there should be a restriction placed on “changeable copy signs.” Art Boyle is going to check the Fire Department’s sign on the timing of the changing messages as all board members agreed that this was an acceptable “changeable copy sign.” **The following recommendation is suggested to change Section 140-100 A to read as follows:**

Signs can be permitted which are animated by means of flashing, blinking, not scintillating or traveling lights or any means not providing constant illumination. Public service information signs such as time/weather information and other electronic message centers classified as changeable copy signs are permitted.

- J. Banners, pennants, search lights, sandwich board signs, sidewalk or curb signs and balloons are prohibited. Banners, pennants and sandwich board signs shall be permitted at the opening of a new business in a C-N, C-g or I-L District for a total of 30 days after which time they shall be removed.

Under this section, sandwich board signs are not allowed only for the opening of a new business and only for 30 days. Currently there are businesses utilizing sandwich board signs to advertise their daily specials (ex: Spirits of Conklin Wine & Liquor), which according to this section should be removed. **The following recommendation is suggested to change Section 140-100 J to read as follows:**

Banners, pennants and sandwich board signs shall be permitted at the opening of a new business in a C-N, C-g or I-L District for a total of 30 days after which time they shall be removed. Banners, pennants,

search lights, sandwich board signs, sidewalk or curb signs and balloons can be permitted after 30 days under Special Use permit approved by the Zoning Board.

After long discussion and review of **Section 140-101** the board agreed that this section needs to be broken down to address Residential districts and Agricultural-Rural districts separately. So it is the recommendation of the board that **Section 140-101.1 Permitted sign in Residential districts and Section 140-101.2 Permitted signs in Agricultural-Rural districts be created.** A review needs to be done on an allowable size for signs in the Agricultural-Rural Districts.

A review was done on 140-101 on the following:

D. No roof signs shall be permitted.

After discussion by the board members the **following recommendation is suggested to change 140-101 D to read as follows:**

No roof signs shall be permitted in Residential Districts but can be allowed in Agricultural-Rural districts under Special Use permit approved by the Zoning Board.

Agenda Item #2 Review Article VIII – Permitted Uses

After reviewing Permitted Uses it is the recommendation of the Zoning Board that the following Uses be added:

140-41M. A second permitted use is allowed with Planning Board review and approval

N. Multiple permitted uses are allowed in the principal building with Planning Board review and approval

Zoning Board working session was closed 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Hauss

Renee Hauss – Zoning Board Secretary