

Village of South Russell

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PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES March 16, 2023 7:30pm

Members Present: Steve Latkovic, Chairman, Mark Porter, Mayor William Koons, Elisa Budoff

Member Absent: James Flaiz

Other Officials: Jarred Flynn, Solicitor; Dave Hocevar, Building Official; Ruth Griswold, Board Secretary

Visitors: Kristen Scanlon, 506 East Washington Street; Bradley Fink, 905 Bell Road; Phyllis

Marino, 124 Southwyck Drive

Mr. Latkovic called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30pm.

Ruth Griswold conducted roll call.

Agenda Item 1:

PC CASE # 23-02: Ryan and Kristen Scanlon, owners of PonyBoys Restaurant and applicants for the property located at 506 East Washington, owned by Mr. Thomas Violante, are seeking approval for a proposed sign on the front of the building.

Mr. Latkovic said he is not sure about the rest of the Planning Commission members, but he has seen the sign, and thinks it is a nice-looking sign and hard to miss due to the lights. He asked the applicant to begin her presentation. Ms. Scanlon said they replaced their existing sign without first obtaining approval, thinking since it was a smaller sign it would be okay. They have since found out that is not the case, and that their former partner never got approval for the previous sign. She apologized for their mistake. Mr. Latkovic asked if the previous sign had been lit up. Ms. Scanlon said it was supposed to be, but they never got around to doing the necessary electrical work to make it so. She said as for the lighting on the existing sign, she hopes to eventually replace it with more of a yellow light than the current bluish LED color. Their plan is to request another Conditional Use Permit for more exterior lighting, and if approved, they will have their electrician address the light on the existing sign at that time and make it more subtle.

Discussion followed regarding the variables involved in the different colors of lighting choices.

Ms. Budoff asked if they had received any complaints from neighboring businesses regarding the sign. Ms. Scanlon said no, there have not been any complaints.

Mr. Latkovic asked board members and visitors for any further comments or questions. There were none.

Mayor Koons made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mr. Porter seconded.

Mr. Latkovic adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:37pm.

Steve Latkovic, Chairman

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Ruth Griswold, Board Secretary

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