

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
December 8, 2009
Lower Level Conference Room, City Hall

Present: Rob Vanden Noven, Brenda Fritsch, Mike Muller, and Chief Mitchell. Also Present: Randy Tetzlaff, Director of Planning & Development and Park and Recreation Director Charles Imig.

1. ROLL CALL. Vanden Noven called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and noted a quorum was present.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None.
3. APPROVE MINUTES: On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Fritsch, the minutes of the previous meeting was approved as distributed.
4. NEW FOUNTAIN FEATURE AT POSSIBILITY PLAYGROUND IN UPPER LAKE PARK, MARDY MCGARRY AND SUE MAYER, APPLICANT. The folks responsible for Possibility Playground are now proposing a new water fountain feature to be located between the playground and the new restroom building. The site plan will include 3 sculpture fountains within a garden-like setting surrounded by stone retaining walls. The fountains are misting fountains whose purpose is to provide the children with sensory feel of texture and sound. This feature was planned as a future addition and the necessary underground is already in place. The fountains will use only minimal water (1.5 GPM) and plans are to include wind monitors which will have automatic shut-offs when wind speed increases. The fountains will be in operation during certain hours or may be triggered by a switch that could be activated by a child. The design will be ADA certified and is meant to be a low maintenance facility. Our park and recreation director was in attendance and expressed no concerns. The Board members liked the fountain feature and also expressed a preference to the use a real stone and not stamped concrete. **A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Muller to recommend approval of the site plan as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.**
5. PRELIMINARY PLAT AND DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE TERRACES AT MINERAL SPRINGS, MIKE SPEAS, APPLICANT. Mike Speas reviewed the proposed development guidelines for the zero energy homes to be built on the 8 lots in the Terraces at Mineral Springs. It is intended that these guidelines will be approved or referenced in the planned development overlay zoning for this project. In most cases, the standards are more stringent than the RM-1 zoning standards, the City's one and two family residential building standards, or our general zoning regulations. In a few cases, they are less as in the case of permitting shared driveways or allowing homes to be less than 26 feet in width. The Design Review Board suggested that once approved, they would become restrictive covenants placed against the lots. **A motion was made by Vanden Noven, seconded by Mitchell to recommend approval of the guidelines noting that the development must conform to the City's stormwater standards. All voting aye, the motion carried.**
6. FORTH COMING EVENTS: None.
7. ADJOURNMENT. A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Vanden Noven to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.