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ORDINANCE

The Ordinance Committee meeting of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on July 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with Mrs. Presot presiding.

Present at roll call:

Council Members:

Berzins, Blados, Lasky, Presot, Walsh

Mayor:

Procuk Frank

Clerk/Treasurer:

Law Director: Engineer: Police Chief:

Assistant Fire Chief:

Fire Chief:

Acting Service Director: Building Commissioner:

Assistant Building Official: Sonenstein

Comm. Service Director: Recreation Director: Soccer Commissioner:

GUESTS:

None

The purpose of the Ordinance Committee meeting was to review the driveway and pool ordinances. Council Member Presot opened the floor for discussion

Mr. Sonenstein reviewed the major projects:

POOLS

Mrs. Presot reviewed the newer style of pools, most having a pump, and the definition of temporary versus permanent.

Mr. Sonenstein stated that anything relating to electrical for pumps is covered well in our current ordinances. He further stated that council should consider removing the word permanent and replacing it with 'body of water'. There is also the possible need of fencing for safety reasons. The depth and width of a pool is covered in the current ordinance. There is not, however, any verbiage covering the placement of a pool in a front yard.

There was a brief discussion regarding the placement of swing sets or similar apparatus in front yards and all concurred to leave this alone and readdress if necessary.

Various situations were discussed and it was agreed that certain pool placements would be directed to the Architectural Board of Review and/or a resident could ask for a variance.

The verbiage regarding electricity for pools that have pumps should include reference to the electrical ordinance section. It was agreed to remove the word 'permanent' from the current ordinance and keep the measurements of the pool and Mrs. Presot will work with the law director to get this accomplished.

DRIVEWAYS

Mr. Sonenstein clarified that currently we require cars to be parked on a hard surface, not on the lawn. Contractors often request permits for large driveway extensions and there is nothing preventing a resident from extending a driveway through their entire front yard. Council may want to have some limitations on the size of the driveway. Mr. Sonenstein gave examples regarding a typical width of a driveway, where it is placed in relation to the house, and at what point it may be required that the Board of Zoning reviews it.

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Mrs. Presot said that another meeting will be called for further discussion and she would like to review what other communities have in their ordinances.

Jennifer Presot
Ordinance Committee Chairperson

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.