

**MINUTES OF THE COHOES PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF COHOES CITY HALL ON MONDAY,  
APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mark DeFruscio  
Vice Chairman Jack Carroll  
Ms. Stephanie Couture  
Mr. Joseph Nadeau  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Robert Bucher  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Kara McKnight, City Planner

**CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A POOL AT 41 LINCOLN AVENUE**

Vanessa, the applicant, explained that the pool would be 10 ft. away from the back property line and it will be four ft. from either side. The board’s concern is the fact that it is so close to other property lines and above-ground pools have a tendency to break in the winter and cause problems for neighboring yards. Approval is contingent upon approval for side setback variances.

There were no further questions and member Carroll made the motion to approve the proposal. Member Nadeau seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Robert Bucher	ABSENT		
Stephanie Couture	X		
Mark DeFruscio	X		
Jack Carroll	X		
Joseph Nadeau	X		

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.**

Chairman DeFruscio opened the meeting at 6:33pm and asked the recording secretary to take roll call. Member Carroll motioned to approve the minutes. Member Nadeau seconded the motion and all were in favor with the exception of Chairman DeFruscio since he was absent that date.

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Robert Bucher	ABSENT		
Stephanie Couture	X		
Mark DeFruscio			X
Jack Carroll	X		
Joseph Nadeau	X		

**CONSIDERATION OF A SIGN FOR HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION**

Mr. Sipperly, the applicant, is requesting a permit to build a sign on Dyke Avenue near the new driveway for the credit union. The sign will have a stone planter base and it will be internally lit. All measurements meet the code requirements for the district it is being proposed in. Sipperly states that the west side public ROW is 100 ft. and if the sign is placed that far back drivers won't notice it.

Chairman DeFruscio explains that the ROW is so large because it is an industrial area that needs to allow enough room for trucks to enter.

Sipperly adds that the credit union added five extra feet to the standard right of way of 25ft. He said that the chair of the Traffic Commission did approve the placement of the temporary sign with the understanding that it will be permanent in the future.

The approval is contingent upon checking with the Traffic Commission's approval, which the recording secretary will check.

The applicant must also agree to relocate the sign at their own expense if there are any changes to the road at a future date.

Member Carroll motions the approval and Member Nadeau seconds it. It passes unanimously.

	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTAIN</u></b>
Robert Bucher	ABSENT		
Stephanie Couture	X		
Mark DeFruscio	X		
Jack Carroll	X		
Joseph Nadeau	X		

**CONSIDERATION OF A SIGN FOR PIONEER BANK**

Pioneer Bank sent an employee of Saxton Signs to propose the sign on their behalf. The applicant described the dimensions of the sign and explained that only the letters would be lit up on either side. He is unaware of what is happening to the actual façade of the building.

Member Carroll asked if these signs were special relative to all other Pioneer signs. The applicant clarified that they are special because they are smaller than the typical sign.

Chairman DeFruscio asked if the sign facing Ontario St. was high enough off the ground so it doesn't interfere with pedestrian traffic. The applicant said yes and Chairman DeFruscio confirmed by checking it himself. Member Couture then asks if the small entrance sign will be lit up and the applicant says it will not.

Chairman DeFruscio does not think there will be any issues with the signs but he isn't sure about the rest of the building. The board requires further information on the proposed façade and physical locations.

The proposal is passed contingent on the construction of the façade being passed.

Member Nadeau motioned for the approval and Member Couture seconded it. All were in favor and it passed unanimously.

	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTAIN</u></b>
Robert Bucher	ABSENT		
Stephanie Couture	X		
Mark DeFruscio	X		
Jack Carroll	X		
Joseph Nadeau	X		

The meeting concluded at 7:15. Member Nadeau made the motion and Member Carroll seconded it.