

**WINNETKA PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

Members Present: Layla Danley, Chairperson
Jonathan Alt
Matthew Bradley
Mamie Case
Chris Enck
Cyrus Subawalla

Members Absent: Liz Kunkle

Non-Voting Members Present: Rob Apatoff

Village Staff: David Schoon, Director of Community Development
Ann Klaassen, Assistant Director of Community
Development

Village Attorney: Peter Friedman

Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Danley at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was of the Commission Members present.

Approval of January 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

Chairperson Danley asked for a motion to approve the January 22, 2025, meeting minutes. A motion to approve the January 22, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Bradley and the motion was seconded by Ms. Case. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 6 to 0:

AYES: Alt, Bradley, Case, Danley, Enck, Subawalla

NAYS: None

NON-VOTING: Apatoff

Public Comment:

Ann Wilder, a Winnetka resident, encouraged the Commission to read the emails included in the packet between Kris Schriesheim and Dave Benjamin, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project. She then described the duties of Mr. Benjamin's organization. Ms. Wilder then stated the Centennial Park project raised great safety concerns and the request should be denied. She summarized the comments made in those email communications.

Chairperson Danley advised Ms. Wilder that the Centennial Beach matter is not on tonight's agenda since the matter is being continued. Mr. Friedman confirmed the matter would be continued and advised Ms. Wilder of the rules relating to public comment. Ms. Wilder then provided additional comments summarizing the email communications. No additional comments were made at this time.

Community Development Report:

Mr. Schoon confirmed there is no Community Development report.

Continued Applications:

1 a. **Case No. 24-14-SU: Grace Presbyterian Church of the North Shore (440 Ridge Avenue and 760**
2 **Cherry Street): Applications seeking approval of (i) a Final Plat of Subdivision to consolidate the two**
3 **existing lots known as 440 Ridge Avenue and 760 Cherry Street into a single Lot of Record; (ii) a Special**
4 **Use Permit to allow the consolidation that is greater than two times the minimum required lot size and**
5 **more than two times the minimum required average lot width for a corner lot in the R-5 Single-Family**
6 **Residential Zoning District; and (iii) an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit to allow**
7 **construction of additions to the existing church on the proposed consolidated lot. The Village Council**
8 **has final jurisdiction on this request. This item was continued from the October 23, 2024, Plan**
9 **Commission meeting. Due to the Commission's scheduled consideration of Case No. 24-08-SU, 225**
10 **Sheridan Road, Centennial Park & Beach, this item will be continued to a special Plan Commission**
11 **meeting on March 13, 2025.**

12 Chairperson Danley stated this item is to be continued to the March 13, 2025 special meeting. The
13 Commission Members discussed their availability. Chairperson Danley then asked for a motion to continue
14 the matter to the March 13, 2025, special meeting. A motion to continue the request to the March 13,
15 2025, special meeting was made by Mr. Bradley and the motion was seconded by Mr. Subawalla. A vote
16 was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 6 to 0:

17 AYES: Alt, Bradley, Case, Danley, Enck, Subawalla

18 NAYS: None

19 NON-VOTING: Apatoff

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21 b. **Case No. 24-08-SU: 225 Sheridan Road - Centennial Park & Beach: An application seeking**
22 **approval of (i) a Special Use Permit to allow construction of improvements to the existing park and**
23 **beach; and (ii) steep slope exceptions to allow walkways, retaining walls, steps, and seating areas within**
24 **the steep slope zone. The Village Council has final jurisdiction on this request. This item was continued**
25 **from the January 22, 2025, Plan Commission meeting. On February 21, 2025, the Winnetka Park District**
26 **submitted a request that the Plan Commission continue the public hearing to a future Commission**
27 **meeting. At its February 26, 2025, meeting, the Plan Commission only intends to continue the item to**
28 **its April 23, 2025, meeting and will not be accepting public comment.**

29 Chairperson Danley stated the petitioner is seeking to have the matter continued to the April 23, 2025,
30 meeting, due to the March 26, 2025 meeting being cancelled due to the local schools' spring break and
31 the availability of Commissioners. The Commission Members discussed their availability for the April 23,
32 2025, meeting. Chairperson Danley asked for a motion to continue the matter to the April 23, 2025,
33 meeting. A motion to continue the matter to the April 23, 2025, meeting was made by Mr. Alt and
34 seconded by Ms. Case. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 6 to 0:

35 AYES: Alt, Bradley, Case, Danley, Enck, Subawalla

36 NAYS: None

37 NON-VOTING: Apatoff

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39 **New Business:**

40 a. **March 13, 2025, Special Meeting - Quorum Check.**

41 The Commission Members previously discussed their availability.

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43 b. **March 26, 2025, Regular Meeting - Quorum Check.**

44 The Commission Members previously discussed their availability.

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46 c. **April 10, 2025, Potential Special Meeting - Quorum Check.**

47 The Commission Members did not discuss their availability.

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1 **Other Business:**

2 Trustee Apatoff informed the Commission Members that the Village Council is appreciative of the work
3 being done by the Commission with regard to the Centennial Beach matter.
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5 **Adjournment:**

6 Chairperson Danley asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bradley and
7 seconded by Ms. Case. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 6 to 0:

8 AYES: Alt, Bradley, Case, Danley, Enck, Subawalla

9 NAYS: None

10 NON-VOTING: Apatoff
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12 The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.
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14 Respectfully submitted,
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16 Antionette Johnson

17 Recording Secretary