



**Village of River Hills**  
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## **PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES**

### **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 @ 5:00 pm**

**This meeting was a virtual meeting through Zoom – Meeting code 852-1264-2020**

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call.**

The following members were present: Chairman & Village President Christopher Noyes, Jeffrey Costakos, Alexander Hawley, Fred Lochbihler, Peter Stanford, Trustee Bill Walker, and Michael Weiss. Members Bernie Cohen and Don Daugherty were absent and excused. Also present: Village Attorney William Dineen and Village Manager Tammy LaBorde.

**3. Approval of minutes from March 30, 2023**

Motion by Lochbihler and seconded by Hawley to approve the March 30, 2023 minutes; motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discussion and Action to Recommend the Village Board adopt an ordinance to Amend Subsection 7.0504.C.4 of the Village Zoning Ordinances to reduce the minimum distance required between a swimming pool and other structures on the property from 20 feet to 10 feet**

Attorney Dineen provided a memo to the Plan Commission regarding the proposed change. The ordinance is to amend a section of the accessory structure section of the zoning ordinance. Attorney Dineen stated in response to a question received prior to the meeting that the removal of the word “detached” was to help add clarity to the ordinance. In addition, there was a question regarding the rationale of the ordinance. Attorney Dineen believes the rationale for the ordinance was that SEWRPC had recommended 20 feet originally and the change helps to address the problem that a property owner is facing due to proposed addition to their house, which will be approximately 9 feet from their inground swimming pool. The ordinance without any changes has a minimum distance of three feet for safety in another section of the code. The ten-foot distance was the distance of six of the other communities that Attorney Dineen had included in the report he provided.

After further discussion by members of the Plan Commission regarding the appropriate distance there was a motion by Weiss, seconded by Lochbihler to recommend that the Village Board adopt an ordinance to Amend Subsection 7.0504.C.4 of the Village Zoning Ordinances to reduce the minimum distance required between a swimming pool and other structures on a property from 20 feet to 8 feet; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Dineen brought up the Building Inspector’s recommendation that the ordinances include a requirement for fences or covers for swimming pools. Attorney Dineen suggested that such a proposal should go to the Building Board and then come back to the Plan Commission. He

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recommended that it should be a separate stand-alone ordinance brought back at a different time. The Plan Commission would like the Village Attorney to see what other communities are doing regarding this issue and bring back that information at a future meeting.

**5. Schedule next meeting date.**

No action.

**6. Adjourn**

Motion by Stanford and seconded by Lochbihler to adjourn meeting at 5:22 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Tammy LaBorde, Clerk on May 4, 2023.