

**VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
LOTS 28 & 29, PLAN 30 (Palm) – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 – 6:15 P.M.**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Lyle Hall, Deputy Mayor Ryan Jeffers, Councillors Russell Becker, Jason Newman and Don Richardson

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator

**1. OPENING OF HEARING**

The meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND NOTICE THEREOF**

None.

**3. PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO PERMIT A COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**a) Opening Statement by Chair**

This is a Public Meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act for a Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to re-zone lands located in Lots 28 and 29, Plan 30 to permit a community garden. The amendment is required because the subject lands are currently zoned only to permit residential uses whereas the intent of the applicant is to establish a community garden.

The format of this meeting will begin with the Clerk outlining the method by which notice of this meeting was given and identify if any written submissions have been received with respect to this application. I will then ask the applicant to provide a brief overview of the proposed amendment, followed by public questions and comments, and finally questions and comments from Council.

It is noted that in order to appeal any decision of Council to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, the appellant must have outlined comments or concerns at the public meeting or submitted comments and concerns to Council in writing.

Subject to the public comments received, Council will be considering the amendment during the regular meeting immediately following this meeting.

**b) Statement of Public Notice**

Notice of this public meeting was provided through an advertisement in the April 12, 2018 issue of the Almaguin News.

Notice was also circulated on April 11, 2018 to property owners within 120 meters of the subject property.

Notice was further posted on the Town's website and Facebook page.

**c) Statement of Correspondence Received**

As of 4:00 p.m. today, the Township has received 1 written submission:

1. Written comments from Anne Gill expressing concern about the effect on her property.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT**

Jocelyn Palm, the applicant, spoke about the benefit of a community garden to the community. She indicated that the garden would be available to members of the public.

Romano Marchi, Agent for the applicant, indicated that the chief reason for having a community garden is to educate. The garden is proposed to be run by volunteers and would encourage collaboration in the community. All ages from summer campers to senior in the community will be part of the experience. Extra produce may be able to be offered into the community.

**5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Frank Gill, 5 William Street, spoke on behalf of his wife, Anne, who could not attend. He inquired about whether the re-zoning was specific to the subject parcel. It was confirmed that the zoning would be site-specific. Mr. Gill was comfortable with the explanation provided to him and had no further questions.

Ben Hopps, 152 Main Street, inquired about hours of operation, parking, fencing, use of fertilizer, and set-backs. The community garden is expected to operate only during daylight hours. Parking and set-backs will be in compliance with the municipal by-laws. Proposed set-backs for the garden are greater than current zoning requirements. Parking can also be accommodated at the Near North Enviro-Education Centre, if need be. Fencing of the garden will be subject to ongoing needs and costs. The plan is to use organic fertilizer only.

**6. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

None.

**7. CLOSING REMARKS**

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision please ensure you sign the sheet at the entrance and provide your mailing address.

Council will consider all matters placed before it and subject to the public comments received, Council may be considering the amendment during the regular meeting immediately following this meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Hearing Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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