

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



## MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: March 5, 2026

### Appearance Commission

6:00 pm

Village Hall Board Room  
2020 Chestnut Street  
Homewood, IL 60430

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Hrymak called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

### ROLL CALL:

Members Banks, Scheffke, Gonser, Kluck and Chair Hrymak were present.

In attendance from Village staff were Angela Mesaros, Director of Economic and Community Development and Noah Schumerth Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development; and Charise Campbell, Administrative Secretary. There were no members of the public in attendance, there was 1 member of the public attending virtually.

AYES: 5 (Members Banks, Scheffke, Gonser, Kluck, and Chair Hrymak)

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Member Preston, Member Quirke)

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Hrymak asked for corrections from the February 5, 2026 meeting minutes.

Member Kluck stated that the paragraph underneath where it states Assistant Director Schumerth on page 2 fourth line down states "wall signs, but the will not exceed the square footage" should read as "wall signs, but they will not exceed the square footage"

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Member Banks; seconded by Member Kluck.

AYES: 5 (Members Banks, Scheffke, Gonser, Kluck, and Chair Hrymak)

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Member Preston, Member Quirke)

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:****CASE 26-05- SIGN VARIANCE, DYNAMITE SHRIMP AT 18719 DIXIE HIGHWAY:**

Assistant Director Noah Schumerth introduced the case.

The applicant is proposing a revised sign plan which requires a sign variance.

The proposed revised signage is '40 s.f. with a sign height of 5'5" which is 23 s.f. less than the original proposal of 63 s.f. with a height of 6' 10"'.

The rest of the design will remain the same as far as the aluminum channel letter sign and colored translucent acrylic sign faces.

Staff recommends approval for the sign variance provided that the applicants should revise drawings to reflect the reduced total wall sign area to 40 square feet.

Chairman Hrymak stated that the commission members might have some questions.

Member Kluck stated that the revised sign size looks good and it is not overwhelming and the name of the business is aligned with all the other businesses.

Member Gonser agreed with Member Kluck responses.

Member Scheffke asked is the logo illuminated.

- Assistant Director Schumerth answered yes the sign is illuminated based upon the plans

Member Scheffke asked is all of the wording on the sign going to be vinyl?

- The applicant stated yes it should all be vinyl

Member Scheffke then asked is the logo going to be all vinyl also.

- Assistant Director Schumerth stated that presumably yes based upon the plans. The entire sign will have LED illumination.

Member Banks agrees with the reduction in size was important to make the sign look better so that the placement of the name of the business aligns with all the other businesses names.

Chairman Hrymak states that he does see the need for a variance because the business is sitting in an odd location. Also, agrees with the reduction in size.

Chairman Hrymak asked why is the pole at the end of the parking lot not being utilized to advertise because it would give more visibility on both sides in the parking lot.

- The applicant states that it should be on the sign contract with the contractor. He states he not sure if it was not mentioned by the sign contractor.
- Assistant Director Schumerth stated that it was a staff omission and that it should have been noted that the business would have 1 permitted space on the monument sign. This information would be included in the sign permit drawings but we have not received an application at this time from the contractor.

Chairman Hrymak asked is that going to add to the square footage of the signage.

- Assistant Director Schumerth stated No it will be treated as two separate signs.

Chairman Hrymak stated that the windows seemed to be covered with a great amount of decals/paint. Are you planning to leave that there after your signage is up?

- The applicant said No the signage in the window is temporary and should be there until they open for business.

Chairman Hrymak stated that he does see the need for the reduction in size for the sign and thinks that the 40 square feet is still quite a bit big. But understands the need based upon the location of the business.

Chairman Hrymak asked Assistant Director Schumerth was Pooch Parlor granted a variance.

- Assistant Director Schumerth stated No it was a part of the old ordinance.

Chairman Hrymak asked if any of the other businesses request variances.

- Assistant Director Schumerth stated No not that he is aware of

Chairman Hrymak asked if there were any additional comments from the other commission members before closing the case.

Chairman Hrymak motioned to approve the sign variance for case 26-05 sign variance for Dynamite Shrimp located at 18719 Dixie Highway.

A motion to approve was made by Member Kluck, seconded by Member Banks.

AYES: 4 (Members Banks, Gonser, Kluck, and Chair Hrymak)

NAYS: 1 (Member Scheffke)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Member Preston, Member Quirke)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chair Hrymak asked if there was any old business.

Member Banks stated that the website still has a vacancy with Commission Member Gonser position.

Member Kluck asked if Dynamite Shrimp is dine in or carryout

- The applicant stated that it will be carryout

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Member Scheffke asked questions about the new development project that's expected to be in the Village Hall parking lot.

### **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Member Banks; seconded by Member Gonser.

AYES: 5 (Members Banks, Scheffke, Gonser, Kluck and Chair Hrymak)

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Member Preston, Member Quirke)

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charise Campbell*

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Administrative Secretary