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Fwd: signage

1 message

Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 11:04 AM

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From: **Fritz Gohl**
Date: Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 10:32 AM
Subject: signage
To: <apaul@vbhil.gov>

Anna: Please pass this E- Mail on to President McLaughlin and Village Trustees Konicek, Cecola, Croll, Jacobsen and Zubak.

The concerns I have about your new signage law are; what about the Green number signs (which are fire numbers) also My lot line is to the middle of the road. If I have to be back from the lot line 50 feet, than where do I put that sign or signage. If its 50 feet from the center of the road and I have a wall or bushes there then no one would be able to see the sign.

Respectfully,

fritz

F.H.Gohl (village resident)

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shirleymitchell
To: clerk@vbhil.gov

Sun, Oct 27, 2019 at 2:07 PM

To: Nikki, Village Clerk:

Today, I heard about the issue of signage in the Village and for the record I would like to make the following brief comments. I hope these will be shared with whomever is discussing this issue at the Village.

When I worked for the Barrington Hills Life Newsletter (magazine), I did a series of articles on why farms in the Village are named as they are. I included photos of signs that show along the roadways throughout the Village. It was a popular series of articles among our residential readers. I have attached a few of the sign photos that I took for you to view as examples.

While I think clearly written ordinances are a good thing, I hope the Village will continue to allow these property and barn signs to be legal. I personally think they add to the ambiance and are part of our Village heritage. If the Village is too restrictive with this ordinance it will impact the originality and artistic collage of unique signs that are used to personally identify properties. I hope that doesn't happen.

I have many more photos of barn signs in the Village that I used in magazine articles that I have electronically stored if you want to see more. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder for sure, but I think these signs are nice to see and I enjoy them. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!

Sincerely,
Shirley Mitchell
[187 Old Sutton Rd.](#)

4 attachments



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Leave My Sign Alone

Bob A.

Wed, Oct 23, 2019 at 10:45 PM

To: pjacobsen@vbhil.gov, rzubak@vbhil.gov

Cc: clerk@vbhil.gov

Paula and Bob:

I have read the draft of the ordinance that Barrington Hills Village government proposes "To regulate signs that may endanger public health, safety, morals and/or property values."

This what we are spending tax money on? What it's the genesis of this change? Do we have 'immoral' signs in the village?

LEAVE MY SIGN ALONE! I know a lot of residences have signs naming their properties. As I read the language, the new ordinance would require removal of these signs. Mine has been up since 1987. My parents 20 years before that.

This appears to be an effort to "rebrand" the Village as a 'suburban community' and make property parcels commodities to be easily subdivided. I note that those who are apparently pushing this ordinance are in the property development business.

BH, as a village of farms, open space, and unique properties, is just fine by me. It doesn't need to be "rebranded". Our government should be a little more worried about protecting our environment, our infrastructure (where is our fiber?), and our property values, public safety, and a little less focused on our signs and coddling developers.

Please register this letter in the public record as opposing any change to our sign ordinances. I would also appreciate your perspective on this issue.

Thank you for your service.

Best Regards.

Bob A.

Robert G. Abboud

13 Country Oaks Lane



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Village Clerk <clerk@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Proposed Signage Ordinance Vote scheduled for October 28

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 1:35 PM

Charles Meroni

To: Barrington Hills <clerk@barringtonhills-il.gov>, Anna Paul <apaul@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Please pass along to the trustees my email regarding the proposed changes to the signage ordinance.

There seems to be an effort here to "rebrand Barrington Hills" as an homogeneous suburban community by eliminating the signage on many farms and properties.

Barrington Hills' uniqueness lies not only in its open space and 5 acre zoning, but also in its long and storied history, much of which is reflected in the names and signs that identify so many of our properties.

As many of our large properties were purchased by wealthy Chicagoans seeking a better life in the early part of the 20th century, these names we still see today were born and keep our village history active. Some of these names and signs have endured for 100 years or more. For example, Bellwood was originally Wakefield Farm and George Van Hagen, the owner, donated the land for Barrington Hills Country Club along with Stinson Hart (Hartwood), and others. The Bellwood name recorded in covenants June 21, 1973, after Mr. Van Hagen's widow died.

To lose this sense of history would be tragic for our village.

Also, if in fact there have been corrections and changes made since the original draft was published on the agenda, it has not been properly noticed for a vote on October 28.

In addition, like many of the old properties, we share a common entrance and road so that any signage would not be allowed under this ordinance as written.

Thank you and let's save our signs.

Charles F. Meroni, Jr.
Meroni & Meroni, P.C.
5 Bellwood Drive
Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010

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Fwd: Proposed Signage Ordinance

Karen
To: clerk@vbhil.gov

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 3:20 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Karen
Date: October 25, 2019 at 4:17:57 PM CDT
To: rzubak@vbhil.gov
Subject: Proposed Signage Ordinance

I am writing to the Village regarding the proposed signage ordinance coming before the Board of Trustees on Monday, October 28. There seems to be some confusion regarding the signs currently in place throughout the Village.

I am opposed to any ordinance that would eliminate the signage that identifies the old homes and farms throughout the Village. These features of identity provide our Village with charm, as well as historic significance. They contribute to a picture of who we are.

My home, The Old Schoolhouse, has such a sign, and it has been in place for over thirty years. I like it, and want it to stay where it is.

I hope the Trustees will oppose this ordinance as written, or edit the language to assure that our old signs are protected.

Thank you,
Karen Selman
116 Brinker Road

Sent from my iPad



Village Clerk <clerk@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Fwd: Signage Ordinance

Jenny Drecoll

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 3:06 PM

To: clerk@vbhil.gov

Cc: Jill Ragan, Bob King, Jim Voris, Brad And christina Thompson, Kelly Mazeski

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From: **Jenny**

Date: Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 2:44 PM

Subject: Signage Ordinance

To: <clerk@vbhill.gov>

To Whom It May Concern,

It's come to my attention that tonight the village board will be voting on a new sign ordinance restricting property signs.

I'm not clear what problem the proposed ordinance is attempting to solve/address, however, as a property owner who just invested in a sign at my mailbox, I would hope that the village board would defeat any proposed ordinance that prevents property owners from identifying/naming their individual properties.

Many of the signs in our village are tastefully created and positioned, dating back years. Actually, that is what motivated us to put up our own sign at our mailbox 2 yrs ago. Preserving the uniqueness of individual properties creates unique property value. I would much rather see our village board focus on enhancing property values rather than restricting owners' rights.

Thank you for making my comments part of the public record, we will not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

Michael + Jennifer Drecoll

[246 Steeplechase Rd, Barrington, IL 60010](#)

J.R. & Dawn Davis
81 Meadow Hill Road
Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010
847-381-3428

October 28, 2019

**Village of Barrington Hills Trustees
112 Algonquin Road
Barrington Hill, IL 60010-5199**

RE: Proposed Ordinance for Signage Restrictions

Dear Village Trustees,

It has been brought to our attention that the Village of Barrington Hills is proposing an ordinance that tightens the restrictions on signs that are placed on properties within the village limits.

We feel the proposed ordinance is restrictive and unnecessary. We're not aware of any signage that is offensive, immoral, unsafe or exceeds the advertising rules that are currently in place.

Barrington Hills contains not only residential spaces but also farms, open spaces and natural preserves. To further restrict the ability to display the names of unique properties is ridiculous, and it penalizes property owners unnecessarily.

We ask that you reconsider making any changes to the signage rules in our community and rather enforce the ones already on the books. The Village's focus should be on preserving the nature of this community with its open spaces, farms and equestrian grounds - not rewriting ordinances that are not productive and do not reflect the nature of Barrington Hills.

Sincerely,

J.R. and Dawn Davis



Village Clerk <clerk@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Sign ordinance

Victoria Kelly

To: clerk@barringtonhills-il.gov

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 5:15 PM

Hi Anna

I can't make the board meeting tonight, but emailing to voice my concerns about the sign ordinance
I'm against the ordinance and encourage the trustees to vote against it

Vicki Kelly
186 Old Sutton

Sent from my iPhone

Members of the Board of Trustees

My name is Robert Abboud; I live at 13 Country Oaks Lane

I am speaking tonight in opposition to the proposed text amendment to the Barrington Hills village code involving property signage – sometimes referred to as farm signs. The draft in the board packet, as I read it, inappropriately burdens existing residents, and makes most if not all existing property signs out of compliance.

I have had a sign marking the name of my property for 32 years. My parents property for 52 years. Specific to the ordinance draft, my sign would be in violation on at least 4 counts.

From Section **5-11-2: AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND STANDARDS: (C) Part I.**

- “Signs may not be located within ten (10) feet from any lot line. (This means you cannot have it on your mail box)”

From Section **5-11-4 PERMITTED SIGNS - RESIDENTIAL USE DISTRICTS: (A) Part 1 Area and Content, Residential:**

- “There shall be no nameplate(s) or identification sign(s) which exceed four (4) square feet”
- “Such nameplate(s) or identification sign(s) shall face the street.”
- “Such nameplate(s) or identification sign(s) shall indicate the name and/or address of the occupant”

The draft preamble stated the purpose of the ordinance as "To regulate signs that may endanger public health, safety, morals and/or property values." In 32 years, my property sign has never once been the source of a disease outbreak, caused an injury or fatality, contributed to moral decay of the community, or otherwise affected my property value.

I served on this board for more than 12 years, and in all that time, I never once heard a complaint involving a property sign. I see no basis for this amendment as drafted. I believe that signage content is a freedom of speech issue covered by the first amendment and case law. Legislation based on the complaint of a politically connected resident makes for bad public policy and poor government.

I understand that 10s of thousands of our tax dollars have already been spent in this effort. I am disappointed that this board has approved expenditures on such a frivolous venture. I ask that

you stop this spending immediately and recover funds expended to attorneys as a result of this effort.

Finally, I believe that this draft amendment does not meet the requirement of public notice. In any case, an amendment that makes some 40% of the village properties out of compliance should be sent to all residents and have at least 90 days of comment period.

This Board has had the luxury of never having had to defend the Village against a virulent developer who presented an existential threat to our zoning and property values. This approach of "rebranding" and suburbanizing our village makes it far more difficult for a future board to defend our property. Our Village does not need to be rebranded. It needs to be protected and promoted.

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I oppose this ordinance text amendment. I ask that the Village government leave my property and my neighbors property alone and concentrate on more critical environmental, infrastructural, and public safety issues with our village.

Thank you.

