

David Betz

From: Tom Kleven [tkleven@columbus.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2002 5:16 PM
To: David Betz
Subject: Re: Recreational structures

Dave,
I'm not able to attend the meeting this week. My suggestion would be that portable basketball structures be permitted between the sidewalk and curb on cul-de-sac (sp?) and similar streets. I had one for years with no problems.

Thanks!
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----- Original Message -----

From: David Betz
To: tkleven@columbus.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2002 4:48 PM
Subject: Recreational structures

Dear Tom,
Attached you will find the proposed ordinance. Please reply with any comments you have and I will provide that to the Commission.
Dave Betz

Dawn Nauman

From: Shawn [sleininger@ci.powell.oh.us]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2002 11:36 AM
To: 'Sandra Corvo'
Cc: 'Dave'; 'Dawn Nauman'
Subject: RE: Powell Zoning Meeting

Sandy,

I received your email. Thank you for your comments. I will pass them on to the Commission and have them entered into the public record of the meeting.

Thank you,

Shawn Leininger, AICP
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Corvo [mailto:Sandra_Corvo@mgic.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2002 11:27 AM
To: sleininger@ci.powell.oh.us
Subject: Powell Zoning Meeting

Hi Shawn:

Per our conversation earlier today I will be unable to attend tomorrows Planning and Zoning Meeting and I would like to respectfully submit the following for review and consideration by the Powell Planing and Zoning Committee and residents of the City of Powell:

I request that an exception is made for portable basketball hoops to be placed at the end of a cul-de-sac (not obstructing traffic). I am making this request only to be granted during an 8 mos. season (April 01-November 30) so that the kids can play on a safe flat surface. I feel it is important for our snow removing equipment to get through to clear roads during bad weather and for all items to be cleared from our streets. Currently our BB hoop is on the side of our driveway and it is difficult to play because of the slope in the driveway. It is difficult to move it back and forth when you want to play due to the weight of the equipment and you need several people to transport it safely from the court to the driveway. It would be much easier if we could place it on the court so it could be used by the kids during the appropriate time of year. When the BB hoop is placed on the court it is far enough away from the mail boxes so that the mail truck can deliver mail. It is also fitted securely up against the curb and weighted down with sand bags so that it is stable, safe and secure. If this request is allowed it should also be placed in an area so that emergency vehicles can always get through.

On another note, I feel that well kept equipment such as swing sets, trampolines should be permitted as long as they meet safety standards and do not pose a hazard to the community and are kept in good condition. I do believe they need to MEET the distance requirements

that the planning and zoning committee set regarding property lines. I do NOT believe satellite dish's, fences (unless decorative) free standing outside structures, dog houses, sheds, storage buildings, etc...should be permitted unless Powell Planning and Zoning reviews and grants a variance. I have noticed Grandshire has some of these violations through out the neighborhood. Our subdivision is a proud part of the City of Powell and is approaching 10 yrs. of age. I have also noticed in our neighborhood that yard gas lights, mail box's, side walks, driveways, should also be kept in good repair and working condition.

I will await your response to the above requests. I appreciate your time and consideration and regret that I am unable to attend tomorrow nights meeting. Should you have any questions I can be reached via e-mail or at work (841-1673) M-F from 8:30 to 5:30pm. Evenings at 761-3896.

Thank you!

I have noticed other variations throughout Grandshire that are in violation of code and was unsure if variances were granted for satellite dish's, decorative fencing, dog structures,

Dawn Nauman

From: Shawn [sleining@ci.powell.oh.us]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 2:00 PM
To: tjsmith@aep.com
Cc: 'Dawn Nauman'; 'Dave'
Subject: RE: INFO FOR 11/13 MEETING TONIGHT

Terry,

I received your email. Thank you for your comments. I will pass them on to the Commission and have them entered into the public record of the meeting.

Thank you,

Shawn Leininger, AICP
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From: tjsmith@aep.com [mailto:tjsmith@aep.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 1:53 PM
To: sleining@ci.powell.oh.us
Subject: INFO FOR 11/13 MEETING TONIGHT
Importance: High

We talked a few weeks ago about the jumbo wooden swingsets and the meeting being held on same tonight. I find at the last moment here that I most likely will not be able to attend, but wanted to forward you some ideas/comments on my experience.

As you know, I live on Wallsend Court facing north and two lots/houses abut to the right side of my house facing Briarbend Blvd. For the past year, if I came out on my deck out back of my house, I had the "Noah's Ark" swingset facing me. This past month, now looking out my front yard or even from my favorite sitting chair in my front room is the "Taj Mahal Circus Tent(s)" swingset.

What bothers me most is that our family purchased our home almost ten years ago for the asthetic surroundings of similar homes as ours. Now I am forced to face not only in my back yard, but now my front yard two of the most obnoxious structures that I never dreamed of seeing. Extensive " foilage landscaping" all around these structures of such enormously is NOT the solution to the situation here. Now, I am in no way wanting to be the mean lady who wants to make the one child take down his swingset or put Powell businesses out of selling them. I am all for every kid having a swingset, but it's getting to a point of "who's going to outdo whom" and these structures are at the point where they need "some limitation." Who couldn't resist having a supersize swingset when everyone else seems to be putting them up and there are super advertisements running including in one advertisement a lone (October PAPERMINT) "30% OFF, & \$100 OFF Delivery & Installation" plus 6 mos. same as cash to sweeten the deal?

Issues I would like to see the council consider:

Do these swingsets HAVE to be so BIG? Some (both next to my home) look like they belong in a public park. Powell has such beautiful parks with appropriate playground equipment of this size that a child could utilize. My children had a swingset, but it was able to be disassembled BY ME when the time came that they outgrew same and was no longer needed in my yard.

Have certain size (width and heights) of wooden swingsets conform to specific lot sizes. Certainly, in my case, I question both sizes of swingsets in these SMALL yards. Setbacks need to be strictly enforced not only from lot lines but also from the original home structure themselves, so not to look as though they are "attached" to the original home structure. One big problem I have with these swingsets, especially the newer one off my front yard is that I have a special chair in my front room that is MY chair to relax in after a hard day. That chair was positioned in this room to fit the room. Now when I sit in it, I face RIGHT INTO THIS SWINGSET. Now, of course the chair could be moved (but not really in this room), but the big problem is, is that it is SO CLOSE to my house that I hear every livid bang, jump, clang that this swingset makes vibrating into my front room as the child plays on it. I Same can go while trying to sit on my deck (which wasn't used much this year until after the original owners of the swingset MOVED and the swingset just "sat" in the back yard collecting weeds).

Since these structures are so huge in stature (I have YET to see one moved after already being assembled according to the required setbacks) and of a natural building material, why not appropriately structure/box them off as a requirement with something such as landscape timbers with a fill put in such as mulch chips? "Noah's Arc" has had such tall weeds protruding from it all summer, that it would be so much nicer to keep the area clean if it had been "timbered off" in its diameter.

Have PLAIN COLORED, earthtone canopies/awnings on the swingset and LIMIT the number of same on the swingset. These bright primary colored canopies may be a signature item of a certain selling company, but they definitely do not blend in the landscape at all. Dark green, navy or brown colored ones greatly subdue the overall appearance of the structure. (ie, compare to set just put up about 1/4 mile south of Powell Road on Bennett Parkway in Falcoln Ridge - all canopies are dark green).

In all, I, personally, can't understand why the City will not permit storage sheds a quarter of the size of some of these swingsets, even nicely sided ones with landscaping OR even certain fence sizes with parties within 200 feet "signing off" on people wanting to put them up, WITHOUT addressing these oversized swingsets?

All I can say is that this past month alone, people politicing, visiting, service people, the trick or treaters, etc. - people at my front door had no favorable impressions of the newest "Taj Mahal Circus" swingset off the side of my yard even in the dark of night. It was the first thing to come out of their mouths and quite embarrassing. Best thing said was "Geez, WAY TOO MUCH!" I am happy people have thousands of dollars to put into such items; however, I see the value of my home dropping thousands of dollars also.

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