

Minutes of the Park Hills Infrastructure Committee – 11/08/11

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10:00 a.m. at NKAPC Building, Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

Present: Skip Fangman, Chairman

Pam Spoor, Councilman. Due to Kathy Zembrodt's son being in the hospital, Kathy called Pam and asked her to take her place at the meeting.

Martin Scribner, NKAPC

Brian Sims, NKAPC

Andrew Videkovich, NKAPC

Discussion of retaining wall restrictions included limitation of 7 feet in height per vertical wall. If more than one wall is required to accomplish the retention, terracing format will be used with the same height restriction and an 8 foot horizontal separation between walls. Walls could be made of concrete with decorative finish, natural stone, brick or segmented wall material. Walls 4 feet or higher require a building permit in addition to a zoning permit. We learned that nkyonestop.org is the website where permits are listed. This site can be accessed to check if a project is permitted and to report violations of zoning code.

There was extensive discussion of how we ensure that a retaining wall is safe and does not create a drainage problem. Currently we require our city engineer to review anything that occurs on a slope of 20% or greater which according to Mr. Sims is about everything. We have, as council previously agreed, that this cost should be borne by the applicants. We need to further discuss how to ensure that these issues are resolved before construction begins. For example, should we require notice to affected neighbors before permitting? NKAPC will be reviewing the construction process if a building permit is required; i.e. if the wall is 4 feet or higher. This review is important because if the wall is not constructed per approved plan its safety might be jeopardized. Mr. Sims – the building inspector, gave a detailed explanation of the construction process of segmental walls and stated that, if properly assembled, they were quite safe.