

Town of Longmeadow  
**Planning Board**  
*MINUTES*  
Of Regular Meeting  
**April 6, 2004**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Henry Cropsey, Richard Curran,  
Walter Gunn, and Louis Kornet

**ABSENT:** Bruce Colton

The meeting was held at the School Committee Room at Longmeadow High School, 127 Grassy Gutter Road, Longmeadow, MA and was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman Henry Cropsey.

Mr. Cropsey introduced the members of the Planning Board to all persons in attendance at the meeting.

**JAMES GIROTTI, THE FIELD CLUB OF LONGMEADOW, INC.** – James Girotti, representing the Field Club of Longmeadow, Inc., 750 Wolf Swamp Road, presented the Board with a request to construct an additional platform tennis court. The court would be an addition to the three already existing courts at the Club. They have many new members and they would like to add a fourth court. The court will be 30' X 60' in length with six lights and a maximum height of 20'. A long-range plan calls for a “warming hut” and 5<sup>th</sup> court. Two trees would be cut down to allow for construction. The hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. It will be identical in visual type and design to the three current platform tennis courts. Henry Cropsey disclosed that he is a Field Club member; Richard Curran disclosed that he is a Field Club member as well. The Board members felt that voting on this proposal would not be a conflict of interest. There were no further questions or comments from the Planning Board members.

Henry Cropsey made a motion to waive Site and Design Review with respect to the construction of a 4<sup>th</sup> platform tennis court at the Field Club of Longmeadow, Inc., 750 Wolf Swamp Road, in accordance with the plans as submitted. Walter Gunn seconded the motion; and the motion was approved 4-0. Bruce Colton was not present at this meeting.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 916 WILLIAMS STREET, LONGMEADOW, MA** – Marjorie Morehardt, Board of Trustee member, First Church of Christ Scientist, Bruce Morehardt, church member, and Jessy Sirois, GDS Home Improvement, Inc., came before the Planning Board with a proposal for construction of a handicapped ramp. Mrs. Morehardt indicated that the church has an immediate need of a handicapped ramp to accommodate their handicapped parishioners. The ramp will be located at the reading room entrance on the Redfern Road side of the church. Mr. Sirois

presented the proposed plan. He stated that he plans to use a 42" high fiberglass white railing from building to end of ramp, vinyl latticework underneath the ramp – Raleigh modern picket with contour T-rail. The decking will be made of composite material "TREX" – natural color. Mr. Sirois indicated that the ramp will be approximately 7' X 21' framed with pressure treated lumbers all conforming to the Massachusetts Building Code. Mr. Cropsey reminded the contractor to ensure that this project is ADA compliant. Mr. Curran made a suggestion to move the handrail and make one wide width of 45" down toward the bottom of the ramp for ease of access. There were no further comments. Henry Cropsey made a motion to waive Site and Design Review for the construction of a handicapped access ramp at First Church of Christ Scientist, 916 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA to be no wider than 7' and approximately 21' in length to be constructed of pressure treated lumbers, decking made of composite material "TREX" – natural color, 42" high fiberglass railings from building to end of ramp, vinyl lattice work underneath the ramp to finish the sides (Raleigh modern picket with contour T-rail), rubbish removal and job site clean up in accordance with the plans as submitted. Louis Kornet seconded the motion; and the motion was approved 4-0. Bruce Colton was not present at tonight's meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the March 2, 2004 Meeting – The following changes were made on the meeting minutes. Paragraph 3, Eliminate the last line, "Notification of a definitive date will be." Paragraph 4, the sentence should read, "The college wants to resolve the parking issue first and the building construction thereafter is anticipated for late summer, early fall." After review of the meeting minutes, Henry Cropsey made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 2, 2004 as amended. Walter Gunn seconded the motion; and they were approved 4-0.

The next Regular meeting of the Longmeadow Planning Board will be held on May 4, 2004, with a location to be determined.

### **OTHER**

1. Henry Cropsey indicated that Hampden Savings Bank had a question regarding lighting issues (past the 11:00 p.m. Town By-law time limit) at their ATM, which is open 24 hours a day. Mr. Cropsey stated that he would send a letter to the Board of Selectmen looking for guidance in regard to banks and ATM's being open during a 24-hour period.
2. Louis Kornet stated that he attended a seminar at Holy Cross College, sponsored by Citizens Planning Group from the University of Massachusetts. Some of the topics covered were the Site and Design Review process, how not to be sued, etc.
3. Mr. Cropsey reported that Dr. Brook's office, the Spa on the Green, has not resolved some outstanding issues, i.e., parking, signage, and plantings. Mr.

Cropsey will speak to Mr. Mark Denver, Building Inspector, regarding these issues.

4. The Longmeadow Town Meeting will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>; Town elections will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Henry Cropsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Curran seconded the motion; and it was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Sincerely,

Judy Downie, Secretary  
Longmeadow Planning Board