

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DARIEN  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 23, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Ray Mielkus – Acting Chairperson, Don Hickok, John Lind, Pauline Oberland, Ken Ritzert, Susan Vonder Heide, Michael Griffith – Senior Planner, Elizabeth Lahey-Secretary

**ABSENT:** Ron Kiefer, Louis Mallers, Beverly Meyer, Michael Griffith – Senior Planner

Acting Chairperson Mielkus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present.

**PZC 2012-09: 7511 Lemont Road, Chestnut Court Shopping Center, Ross, Dress for Less: Petitioner seeks a variation from the Sign Code to permit a greater amount of wall signage than permitted by the Sign Code.**

Mr. Dan Gombac – Director reported that Ross is locating to the Chestnut Court Shopping Center. He reported that they are seeking a variation from the Sign Code to permit a greater amount of wall signage than permitted by the Sign Code for the north façade of the shopping center. Mr. Gombac reported that the sign area triggers the variation.

Mr. Gombac reported that the property was annexed in 1986 and the Comprehensive Plan calls for Commercial use. He reported that there are no flood plain issues and that the packet includes drawings by Bill Moore & Associates.

Commissioner Hickok questioned if all three signs will face the wall?

Mr. Gombac reported that the signs will face the wall. He stated that when and if another business requests a sign that staff will not recommend additional signage.

Commissioner Lind stated that Ross will need a sign because of their location.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Commissioner Ritzert made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Lind that based upon the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2012-09 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the petition as presented.**

**Upon roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 6-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Lind made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Vonder Heide to adjourn. Upon voice vote, **THE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Elizabeth Lahey**  
**Secretary**

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**Ray Mielkus**  
**Acting Chairman**