

RESOLUTION NO. R-60-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROTECTIVE FENCE, BARTLETT LEARNING CENTER'S CLARE WOODS ACADEMY, 125 E. SEMINARY AVENUE, WHEATON, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, Bartlett Learning Center's Clare Woods Academy ("the applicant") is seeking to construct a six foot tall protective fence along Cross Street, east of the former church sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, The applicant indicates that the proposed fence is necessary to enclose a proposed playground area; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-157 of the Wheaton City Code limits fences in the front yard to no more than three feet in height; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-163 of the Wheaton City Code allows any school, governmental entity, private utility or public utility to petition the City Council for a permit to construct a protective fence that would not conform to the requirements of the fence regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed fence would not alter the essential character of the area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed fence would be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the fence regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed fence would not set any unfavorable precedent either to the locality or to the City as a whole; and

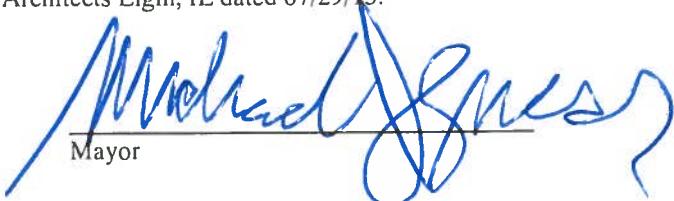
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed fence would not adversely affect the public safety and general welfare; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, Illinois that permission is hereby granted to allow the construction of a six foot tall black, chain link protective fence along Cross Street in substantial compliance with the plans entitled "Bartlett Learning Center's Clare Woods Academy - Site Plan" sheet A0.01, prepared by DBH & Associates, Architects Elgin, IL dated 07/29/13.

ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2013.

ATTEST:

Shawn Bennett Hagan
City Clerk



Michael Gress
Mayor

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Councilman Scalzo
Councilman Suess
Councilman Prendiville
Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Saline
Mayor Gresk
Councilwoman Pacino Sanguinetti

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7/3/13

Jim Kozik

Wheaton City Hall

Wheaton, IL 60184

This letter is to indicate the reason for the requested variance for the fencing along Cross Street on the east side of the church. We are asking to relocate our playground equipment from Bartlett to the Wheaton site. Our playground was designed by our occupational therapy department, to enhance the physical development of our students, in conjunction with the activities of our therapists. It is an integral part of our program and essential to the services we offer. Security for our students requires that a student not be able to exit the playground and enter traffic, without significant barriers, to enable the staff to intercede. While most of our students would be prevented by a 4' fence, some of our older (up to 22 years) will need a higher fence. This is why we are requesting a variance to 6' black chain link around the playground. We feel it will be in keeping with the character of the areas as it is identical to the fence a block away, at the public school. It will not block any sight lines, and does not present a safety issue to the public.

Please let me know if this is sufficient, or you need more information? Thank you for your quick response.

John Utterback

Principal

Clare Woods Academy

MAIN STREET

SEMINARY AVENUE

100' SITE PLAN

FRONT LOT REMOVE ASPHALT 4' HILL AWAY THE GRADE
ESTABLISH CONCRETE VIBRATORY ROLLER MIN 2" BINDER
12" SURFACE ASPHALT FINISH ROLL

CROSS STREET
- Playground equip.
- Fence

