

Residents question Dewey's Pizza in Glendale

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As Dewey's Pizza makes plans to build a restaurant in Glendale, some village residents have raised concerns about details of the construction and zoning.



Andrew Dewitt, who owns Dewey's, has received approval to build at Sharon Road and Congress Avenue, but because the property is zoned partially residential, the restaurant owner had to request a conditional use permit for its parking lot.

Village Council approved the conditional use permit at its January meeting.

While council was asked to vote on the permit that would allow parking, several residents have come forward with other concerns.

"My major concern is consistency that I don't see applied across the board," resident Tim Kilgore said.

"The new building is very close to the street, and it would have to sit back 30 feet, as opposed to seven or so," he said of the current design proposal and existing ordinance.

Geoff Base-Smith, who lives nearby the proposed restaurant, questioned whether the restaurant should be built at all.

"It's my understanding that the footprint of the restaurant is larger than the footprint of the existing building on Congress," he said. "(According to village ordinance) you aren't to build a building large than the pivotal building next door.

"But that isn't the proposed situation."

Mayor Joseph Hubbard said concerns will be examined.

"If it has to do with zoning, it has to be looked at," he said.

"If it's just, 'I don't like it,' that's not an issue and won't be considered."

Next, the plan will be studied by the village engineer, to see if it meets zoning, building, stormwater management and other requirements.

"There are still issues that have to be worked out," the mayor said, "but I don't think there's anything insurmountable."