

TO: Planning Commission Members
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Shawn Wetterlin, Building/ Zoning Official
DATE: April 19, 2017
RE: Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

The Planning Commission met at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in the Community Building, 336 South 1st. The following members were present: Donald Smith, Dave Hanifl, Patti Dockendorff, Richard Wieser, Linda Larson, Mani Edpuganti and Jerry Steffes. City Council Member Bernie Buehler, City Administrator, Bill Waller and Building Official, Shawn Wetterlin were also in attendance. Mani Edpuganti and Brian Krenz were not in attendance.

1. The Planning Commission of the City Zoning Authority held a Public Meeting of Special Interest to Shore Acres and Shore Land property owners. The Public Meeting was held at the La Crescent Community Building, 336 South 1st Street, in said City on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00 o'clock P.M. There were approximately 40 residents in attendance.

- a. Tim Hurska, with WHKS gave update on the Wagon Wheel Bike Trail. This summer work will begin to extend the Wagon Wheel Bike Trail from the high-tension tower on Shore Acres to the Sportsman's Boat Landing at the West Channel Bridge. This will be a two way off road extension. Tim Hurska, described the route and impact on the current road, especially on South Shore Acres. An approximate timeline for construction, along with the phases of the project were reviewed.

A question was raised regarding parking on the street near the high-tension tower rather than using the nearby parking lot. The need for sufficient parking at the boat landing and foot access to the wetlands was mentioned. The fourth phase of the project will provide access at the West Channel Bridge crossing from the trail to the east bound side of the highway.

- b. Tim Hruska, with WHKS, gave a review of the existing Shore Acres road. WHKS will be working on a long-range process and planning upgrades to Shore Acres Road for the City Council to consider.

- c. Planning Commission chairman, Don Smith gave a review and update to both Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning Regulation. This process is being undertaken to comply with both Minnesota and Federal regulation. A revised floodplain map will be published in the Fall and by Spring, if the City were not compliant having adopted the map and current zoning regulation, FEMA flood insurance would no longer be available to City Residents. Major changes were highlighted, to our City's language which has not been updated for over 30 years. These regulations affect property within 300 feet of a river and 1000 feet of a lake. This includes the Mississippi River, north and south Blue Lake and Pine Creek.

No decisions were made at the meeting and work will be ongoing for several months. New ordinances will be subject to Public Hearing before passage. Residents were encouraged to check the City website for future meetings and updates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Smith with a 'thank you', on behalf of the City and Planning Commission, for the interest and attendance of residents.

Respectfully, Shawn Wetterlin.