

TO: Planning Commission Members
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Shawn Wetterlin, Building/ Zoning Official
DATE: August 6, 2015
RE: Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, July 28th, 2015

The Planning Commission met at 5:20 p.m., on Tuesday, July 28th, 2015 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present: Don Smith, Dave Hanifl, Linda Larson, Patty Dockendorff, Jerry Steffes and Mani Edpuganti. Ex-officio members Brian Krenz and Shawn Wetterlin were in attendance. Richard Wieser was not present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 5:20 p.m.

1. The meeting minutes of July 7th, 2015 were approved as distributed by consensus of the Planning Commission Members.
2. Keith and Patty Nedegaard were unable to attend the meeting. Motion by Steffes, seconded by Dockendorff to deny the Variance. Nedegaards would be able to resubmit there application at a later date and submit the needed information.

The application fee will be waved when Nedegaards re-apply.

Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion as proposed.

3. Chairman, Don Smith gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan.
The Comprehensive plan Logistics Committee meet with the potential Focus Committee Chairs to discuss time lines and committee groups July 28th. The time line will change, due to start in September and finish in the fall of next year.
4. The Planning Commission of the City Zoning Authority held a public meeting at the La Crescent City Hall, 315 Main Street, in said City on Tuesday, July 28th at 5:35 o'clock P.M. to consider the application for a variance to allow for the construction of fence within the 50' OHWL. The variance request concerns certain premises situate in said City described as follows, to wit: more commonly identified as 230 Shore Acres Road.
 - Stephanie Newman, 230 Shore Acres Road, stressed that the reason they want the fence is for the safety of there children.
 - James & Jeanne Dawson, 226 Shore Acres Road, spoke of not being in favor of the fence. The Fence would block there view, if installed in the proposed location.

Motion by Dockendorff, seconded by Larson to table the Variance request. Dave Hanifl and Zoning Official, Shawn Wetterlin will meet and form a study group of Shore Acres residents and talk about creating a rule to have a fence structure within the first 50' of the ordinary high water line, for Shore Acres residents and have this Variance tabled.

Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion as proposed.

5. The Planning Commission of the City Zoning Authority held a continuation of a public hearing at the La Crescent City Hall, 315 Main Street, in said City on Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 o'clock P.M. to consider changes to the City's Sign Ordinance to permit Dynamic Signs [Changeable copy LED signs] in the commercial and industrial zones as well as other text amendments concerning temporary and off premise signs."

- Steve Bissen, 326 North 2nd spoke of concerns over the proposed hours of operation and distance of signs from residential zoning.
- Bruce Bauer, 221 North 2nd spoke of concerns over wording in the ordinance, the proposed hours of operation and distance of signs from residential zoning.
- Mani Edpuganti, 621 N 12th Court, spoke of concerns over the proposed hours of operation and distance of signs from residential zoning. Didn't want La Crescent compared with other communities. Signs are one of the prime ways to advertise.
- Eileen Krenz, of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke of concerns over the proposed hours of operation.
- Ryan Roberts, of Kwik Trip wants to be able to maintain their current signs.
- Nicole Dahl, of Snap Fitness spoke of concerns of hours of lighted sign operation.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion by Dockendorff, seconded by Hanifl to adopt the sign ordinance as amended the attached changes in blue to the existing sign ordinance.

See attached revised Sign Ordinance No. 417.

Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion as proposed.

6. The Next Planning Commission Meeting will be August 11th at 5:20 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully, Shawn Wetterlin.