

Planning Commission Minutes for 05-05-14

Final Approved

Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bob Cummings

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited by all present.

Member role call:

Mark Inglett_ P _, Bob Cummings_ A _, Jason Wieser_ A _

Wayne Oliver_ P _, Curt Murray_ P _, Larry Hafner_ P _

Minutes from the April 2014 Planning Commission meeting were approved as submitted, motion by Curt, 2nd by Wayne, motion carried.

Visitors to address the Planning Commission

See attached sign in sheet

Steve and Patty Thompson attended to review a plan they provided to build a garage onto their house. They wanted to verify that it would be necessary to get a variance before they could get a building permit. After reviewing the plan the Planning Commission affirmed that they would need a variance to be allowed to build.

Bruce Wieser, representing Al's concrete, presented a plan to plant trees around a lot to the east of their office with intention of using that area for additional storage for the products that they manufacture at their concrete plant. He does not need a permit for any current activity but was there to explain their future plan and get feedback from the Planning Commission (PC). After reviewing the plan the PC, while not committing to allowing the plan in the future because it would be necessary to comply with the Ordinance at that time, they saw no issues with the plan at this time and thanked Mr. Wieser for sharing his future plans at this early stage.

Joe Walter, 3430 N Pine Creek RD, La Crescent, MN 55947 presented pictures of his property where he would like to remove dirt and do landscaping work. Currently part of his driveway and part of his house is next to a dirt bank that is falling down. An excavator has estimated that he would need to move approximately 500 cubic yards to reshape the bank to a slope that will allow him to grow vegetation that will prevent further erosion of that area. Mr. Walter indicated that he would install a retaining wall and have a landscaper come in and spray slurry to hold the bank in place. After review and discussion, PC determined that since his property is located in an Agricultural Zoning district he is allowed to move up to 5,000 cubic yards of material without getting building permit.

Zoning Administrator distributed a copy of a letter that he sent letter, registered mail, to the resident at 2520 County Road 6 indicating that he needs to correct 3 problems.

- Remove a burnt out trailer on his property
- Remove or provide current license plates for the four vehicles on your property
- Correct the safety hazard caused by the open trench around the basement of your house

PC recommended that ZA contact Township Attorney to verify the process for dealing with this going forward.

Wayne commented: The Township Supervisors have not, at least in the cities opinion, shown any interested in participation in a comprehensive planning review. Bob questioned when they meet and Wayne wasn't sure when it was but indicated that they have been meeting for the last year and a half and that he understood that the supervisors get notice of all of the meetings

Motion to adjourn by Curt, 2nd by Wayne, at 8:17 PM
 Respectfully submitted

Larry Hafner
 Zoning Administrator
 La Crescent Township

Planning Commission Public meeting
 La Crescent Community Center
 Guest sign in sheet

Date 5/5/14

Name	Address	Phone number
Bruce Wieser		895-8046
Steve and Patty Thompson	1265 Golf View Ct.	895-8136
JOE WAITER	3430 N. PINE CK RD	895-8145