

PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting:

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Friedmeyer, Chair Claire Abbott
 Jim Niemantsverdriet Charles Bricher
 Rollin Hall Ron Benson
 Brian Wodele

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Patterson-Lundgren, City Planner
 Phil Rosendale, Zoning Administrator
 Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant

The regular meeting of the Wabasha Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 and was called to order by Commissioner Friedmeyer at 7:00 pm.

Roll found Commissioners Friedmeyer, Niemantsverdriet, Wodele and Bricher present. Commissioners Abbott and Benson were absent.

Commissioners Niemantsverdriet and Wodele moved to approve the December 14, 2010 regular minutes. Approved unanimously.

Changes/Additions – Molly added Rollin Hall Letter of Resignation.

The Commission accepted the Letter of Resignation effective immediately from Commissioner Hall and thanked him for his service on the Commission.

Commissioners discussed the list of potential changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The following proposed changes were discussed:

Campgrounds and Parks – Discussion included where they are currently allowed and the differences between campgrounds and parks. It was decided that parks should be a permitted use in all districts. It was also decided to remove the wording “parks and open spaces” from the definition of “Recreation and entertainment establishment – minor”.

Commissioners also discussed the definition of PUD-Shoreland

It was decided to move discussion of excavation to next month’s agenda.

2011 Goals were discussed: Molly provided commissioners with a status of goals from the 2005 comp plan. Discussion included possibly scheduling a special meeting to review and prioritize goals. It was decided that commissioners would identify a list of goals for 2011 and bring them back at the next meeting.

Current zoning standards – the “bulk effect” was discussed. Molly provided handouts and a demonstration on the bulk effect and how construction fits within the community or sometimes feels out of place.

2011 Elections and Appointments were discussed – It was decided to wait until a full board was in place to elect officers for 2011.

New signage report– Phil is working with Car Quest on new signage.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2011.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant