

PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting:

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Friedmeyer, Chair Claire Abbott
 Jim Niemantsverdriet Charles Bricher
 Ron Benson Brian Wodele
 (1) Vacancy

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, April 13, 2011 and was called to order by Commissioner Niemantsverdriet at 7:00 pm.

Roll call found all members present except commissioner Friedmeyer.

Commissioners Abbott and Wodele moved to approve the March 08, 2011 regular minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

Changes/Additions – None

It was decided by unanimous consent to table election of BOA officers until there is a full board of commission members.

New Business

Item 6A - Outdoor Burners & Smoke Emissions –

Molly received email correspondence from a property owner on Coulee Way concerned about their neighbor that has an outdoor burner. The smoke from the burner blows directly onto their property and the owners tenant is concerned about health risks. The city currently has no regulations regarding outdoor burners. Commissioners were provided with copies of emails between the property owner and Molly and information from the MPCA. Discussion included:

- banning outdoor burners
- allowing them only in certain districts
- regulating chimney height
- model PCA ordinance from Wisconsin

Discussion also included inconsistencies in the ordinance regarding outdoor fire pits/outdoor burning. It was decided that staff would look into regulations for outdoor burners and what other cities are doing. Commissioners Benson & Bricher volunteered to help staff research.

Old Business

Item 7A – Subdivision Ordinance –

Commissioners discussed thru page 24, Alleys of the Subdivision Ordinance draft.

There was no BOA business.

Signage report – Molly reported that she is working with T-Bones Grill and Bar on their signage and that a permit was issued to Al's Canvas.

Molly reported that the 2010 census population numbers have been reported – she stated that Wabasha lost in population, but gained in dwelling units.

Anderson House update – Molly reported that an offer has been made.

Molly reported that there will be a local radio station broadcast. There is no studio in town; however they will broadcast local news.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2011.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant