



**CITY OF LONG LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Crump.

Present: Committee Members Hultmann, Crump, Skjaret, Hughes, and Loosen; City Councilmember Carpenter; City Administrator Post; and Planning Consultant, Ann Perry.

Absent: None.

APPROVE AGENDA

City Administrator Post requested to add an item to the agenda, administering the oath to the newly appointed and re-appointed Commissioners.

Commissioner Hultmann moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Skjaret seconded. Ayes: all.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

City Administrator Post administered the oath of office to both re-appointed Commissioner Jon Crump and newly appointed Commissioner John Hughes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the December 8, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting

It was noted under Council Liaison Report it should state, “Nothing to report. Councilmember Olson was not present.”

Commissioner Hultmann moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Skjaret seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing: Planning Case No. 2010-01/Subdivision (Lot Division) of the Property Located at 1990 Kennedy Lane/Tract B, Registered Land Survey No. 353

Ann Perry reviewed the staff report for the Planning Commission. She reported that a wetland delineation had been completed by the applicant, as required by the Wetland Conservation Act, and was accepted by the Minnehaha Watershed District. She stated that the Watershed District did not feel there were any issues with the subdivision but would require a permit. She stated that staff recommends approval of the subdivision, with no variances, subject to ten conditions noted in the staff report.

Chair Crump opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

The applicant requested further clarification in regard to the condition regarding driveway access.

Chair Crump provided the requested clarification. He stated that it would be beneficial for the driveway to be graded away from the wetland and suggested the use of a rain garden as well, but advised that those items would fall under the controls of the Watershed.

Chair Crump closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Commissioner Loosen moved to recommend approval of the subdivision, without variances, of tract B, registered land survey No. 353 located at 1990 Kennedy Lane based on the findings of fact and the ten conditions noted in the staff report. Commissioner Hultmann seconded. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Liaison Report

Council liaison Carpenter stated that there is a perception that the City is not open to development or “development friendly” and that he would like to work with the Planning Commission to determine where this perception is emanating from and what they can do together to change that perception. He advised that the City Council has not heard one business proposal in the past year and he found it frustrating that the City can be viewed as difficult in that situation.

Commission Member Business

Commissioner Hultmann stated that the perception was brought forward from a small committee, led by Jim Gulbranson. He stated that Mr. Erickson confirmed at the last meeting that the business community does not view Long Lake as difficult and that the problem in recent times is simply the economy. He stated that he did not believe that the

Council was trying to reject proposals for business and thought that the City was willing to listen to all possible avenues.

Commissioner Hughes requested an update on possible high speed internet in the City of Long Lake.

Commissioner Loosen stated that Qwest was currently working on an extension from the hub in Wayzata that would cover most of Long Lake and believed that the access would be available in spring. He stated that he would provide additional contact information to Commissioner Hughes.

Commissioner Skjaret stated that he did not understand why there was only one option for cable services in the City of Long Lake. He was unsure why Mediacom was the only option for service.

City Administrator Post reported that the cities surrounding Lake Minnetonka had signed a contract for exclusive video service. He explained that it was difficult to attract a cable company to wire the area for service because of the low population in the area. He stated that if it were not for Mediacom, satellite service would be the only option.

Chair Crump suggested making a change to the approval given earlier in the meeting regarding the park dedication fees and requested that the fees be paid upon plat approval.

Commissioner Loosen commented in regard to the statements made by Councilmember Carpenter. He explained that he was a part of the small committee and advised that since there has not been recent development in the City the perception is gained by past experience with a past Council or past staff members.

Staff Business

City Administrator Post noted that at the next Council meeting the Council would review the Holbrook Park trial rink usage so gauge how the arrangement worked for both the Orono Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) and the park neighborhood. He reported that the Council would also consider having an informal meeting to further discuss the staff and Council retreat held last February.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hultmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Commissioner Skjaret seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Post
City Administrator