

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2017

The Plan Commission meeting for the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Beistle on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at the Town Hall. Present by roll call were Kate Appel, Jim Beistle, Dave Robinson, Norval Valleen and Stacy Bergmann. Lee Dombrock, Al Frokjer and Dave Berg were absent. Sharon Kelly, Kathleen Melin, Ron and Deb Micek, Drew Dunn, Kevin and Carole Baumgart, Brian Nodolf, Rick Katzmark, zoning administrator Jim Alt and legal counsel Gary Bakke were also in attendance.

Valleen/Robinson **moved** to approve the agenda; **motion passed** unanimously.

Robinson/Valleen **moved** to approve the January 11, 2017, meeting minutes; **motion passed** unanimously.

Public comment: Mr. Katzmark commented on the snow plowing routes in the Town.

Public Hearing: Special Exception request for a lights festival in the Agricultural District

The public hearing opened at 6:07 p.m. Mr. Alt presented the request for a lights festival in the Agricultural District. Mr. Dunn presented information on the festival and the lanterns that will be launched. The public hearing closed at 6:29 p.m. Discussion was had. Robinson/Valleen **moved** to recommend approval of the special exception to the Town Board with the zoning administrator approved conditions, plus a condition stating the Clerk shall not issue the permit for the event until the local fire department agrees to the site in writing and the event organizers provide a written list of conditions that would necessitate cancelation; **motion passed** on a unanimous roll-call vote.

Robinson/Appel **moved** to table the special exception request for transient lodging at 1385 A Bayview Drive in the Residential District due to the applicant not being in attendance; **motion passed** on a unanimous roll-call vote.

Public Hearing: Proposed amendments to Chapter V of the Town Zoning Ordinance

The public hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Alt presented the proposed language changes. The public hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m. Valleen/Bergmann **moved** to recommend the proposed changes to the Town Board; **motion passed** on a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Hearing: Proposed amendments to the Town Racetrack Ordinance

The public hearing opened at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Bakke presented the draft of the Town Racetrack Ordinance. Mr. Nodolf read a prepared memo of items he believed the Plan Commission should consider in the proposed ordinance. Ms. Melin asked the Plan Commission to consider noise requirements for non-event days. The public hearing closed at 8:18 p.m. Robinson/Valleen **moved** to recommend the proposed Town Racetrack Ordinance draft to the Town Board; **motion passed** on a roll call vote. Mr. Alt said he would forward Mr. Nodolf's memo to the Town Board to consider his proposals.

No public comment was had.

There being no further business, Valleen/Robinson **moved** to adjourn the meeting. The **motion passed** unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Jim Alt
Zoning Administrator