

**Barnesville Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Barnesville Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Merlin Strom at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Steve Mortenson, Margaret Follingstad, Merlin Strom Gary Fraedrich, Mike Osten, Pat Berndt, and Karen Lauer, Zoning Administrator.

Members absent: Aaron Grommesh.

Others present: Roland Holm, Mike Detloff, Tom Jensen, Chris Hoppe, Don Sakry and Pam Aakre of the Barnesville Record-Review.

AGENDA

1-7-08-01 Motion by Osten and seconded by Follingstad to approve the agenda. Unanimously carried.

MINUTES

1-7-08-02 Motion by Follingstad and seconded by Fraedrich to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting. Unanimously carried.

Candidates For Open Planning Commission Seat

The candidates for the vacant Planning Commission position introduced themselves, briefly reviewed their background, and explained the reason for their interest in serving on the Planning Commission. These candidates were Mike Detloff, Tom Jensen, and Chris Hoppe. The Planning Commission thanked the candidates and indicated a decision would be made later in the meeting which candidate they would recommend to the City Council for appointment.

Outdoor Wood Boilers

Karen Lauer reviewed the information on outdoor wood boilers and noted that this is an unregulated industry which causes concern for cities and states. Seven communities in Minnesota have Outdoor Wood Boiler Ordinances. Three cities prohibit the use of outdoor wood boilers and four allow them with restrictions. The Planning Commission reviewed a draft of the Outdoor Wood Boiler Ordinance. Discussion items included health concerns, enforcement, and the effect of smoke on neighbors. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to prohibit Outdoor Wood Boilers, and to place restrictions on existing wood boilers. These restrictions should include language such as:

- A) Exterior solid fuel-fired heating devices shall burn clean fuel only. Any dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas and soot, or cinders, in unreasonable quantities, or any use of an external solid fuel-fired heating device to burn solid fuels other than those solid fuels for which the external solid fuel-fired heating device was designed, is declared a public nuisance, and will be enforced as such.
- B) The following materials shall specifically not be used or burned in exterior solid fuel-fired heating devices: grass, leaves, oil, rubber, plastics, tires, railroad ties, construction debris, and painted or chemically treated lumber, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation composition board, sheetrock, wiring, paint, and hazardous and industrial solid waste.
- C) Solid fuel-fired heating devices may only be used October 1 through April 15.
- D) If the solid fuel-fired heating device is destroyed it may not be replaced. Replacement of parts may not exceed 50% of the value of the boiler.

Karen Lauer will put together this language in a proposed ordinance.

1-7-08-03 Motion by Berndt and seconded by Mortenson to call for a public hearing on the Exterior Solid-Fuel Fired Heating Devices Ordinance at the February 4, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. Unanimously carried.

Modifications to Commercial Fence Ordinance

Karen Lauer reviewed the proposed changes to Ordinance 11.61 Subd. 6 – 9. Commission members discussed the proposed changes. Karen Lauer will prepare the final revision for the next meeting.

1-7-08-04 Motion by Fraedrich and seconded by Osten to call for a public hearing on the modifications to the Commercial Fence ordinance at the February 4, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. Unanimously carried.

Appreciation for Jeremy Krause's Service

Karen Lauer noted that Jeremy Krause will receive a brass clock at the next City Council meeting in appreciation for his years of service on the Planning Commission.

Appointment Of New Zoning Administrator

Karen Lauer has been approved as the Zoning Administrator.

Joint Meeting With Parks & Rec Board

Karen Lauer will check with the Parks & Rec Board to see if they would like to meet with the Planning Commission in the next few months.

Roofing Regulations & Inspections

Roland Holm reviewed the roofing regulations and inspections sheet that he plans to implement. The form will be turned in with the permit application for a reproofing permit.

01-07-08-05 Motion by Fraedrich and seconded by Berndt to endorse the Roofing Regulations and Inspections policy. Unanimously carried.

BUILDING PERMIT LIST

No permits were issued in December.

Other Zoning Concerns – Planning Commission Replacement

Planning Commission members discussed the candidates. All members indicated the community is fortunate to have three quality candidates interested in serving on the Planning Commission and that all of the candidates would be excellent members.

01-07-08-06 Motion by Berndt and seconded by Mortenson to recommend to the City Council to appoint Mike Detloff to the Planning Commission. Unanimously carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting is Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

01-07-08-07 Motion by Fraedrich and seconded by Osten to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Submitted by:

Pat Berndt
Planning Commission Secretary