

**Barnesville Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Barnesville Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Krause at 6:32 p.m.

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

Members absent: Jacob Gehrig.

Others present: Becky Eggiman, Chuck Peppel, and Pam Aakre of the Record-Review.

AGENDA

4-2-07-01 Motion by Berndt and seconded by Strom to approve the agenda. Unanimously carried.

MINUTES

4-2-07-02 Motion by Strom and seconded by Follingstad to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2007 meeting with the correction to change the date of the meeting to March 5. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: CUP REQUEST FROM BECKY EGGIMAN

Chair Krause opened the public hearing regarding the CUP request from Becky Eggiman at 6:35 p.m. Krause reviewed the request for the CUP for a home based floral business. Karen Lauer noted that all notifications and ads were placed. Karen Lauer received one telephone call from an individual who lives within 350 feet of the property. The individual hoped this business would not result in an increase in traffic in a quiet neighborhood. Becky Eggiman indicated that business will be completed mostly by telephone and there will be very few drop-in customers. The garage on the home is large enough to park personal vehicles inside and provide space for the floral business. If the business were to grow, Becky would move to a store, but it is her intent to keep the business small. The business will be closed on Sunday. Chuck Peppel asked what type of products would be handled. Becky Eggiman indicated she would have both live plants and fresh cut flowers. Chuck Peppel asked if she would expand to the shed on her property and Becky indicated the shed would not be used. Chuck Peppel asked how incoming deliveries of product would be handled. Becky Eggiman indicated she plans to go to Fargo to pick up most supplies, but there may be occasional deliveries by a van type vehicle. Becky also indicated she does not plan to get a larger vehicle for deliver of flowers and she does plan to put up a fence to assist in privacy issues for neighbors. The floral business will be run by Becky Eggiman with no additional employees. Becky also indicated that she has made arrangements with the funeral home to meet with families at the funeral home. The floral business will be open on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

4-2-07-03 Motion by Fraedrich and seconded by Osten to close the public hearing on the CUP request from Becky Eggiman at 6:46 p.m. Unanimously carried.

The Planning Commission members reviewed the staff recommendation and discussed the conditions for approval that include traffic flow and hours of operation.

4-2-07-04 Motion by Fraedrich and seconded by Mortenson to recommend to the City Council to approve the CUP request from Becky Eggiman for a home based floral business with the following conditions. Unanimously carried.

1. Hours of operation for walk-in traffic would not extend beyond 9:00 pm.
2. No operations or storage are to be allowed outside of the garage so that visually the property does not appear any different from neighboring residences.
3. If the traffic associated with the business should result in congestion in the neighborhood, the owner would be required to put together a parking plan.

4. The City of Barnesville reserves the right to inspect the property for compliance with these conditions.

OLD BUSINESS: RECOMMENDATION ON OFF-STREET PARKING

The City Council asked the Planning Commission to look at adding language for seasonal off-street parking. The Commission members discussed many possible timelines and the appropriate definitions of vehicles or other items that may be left in property owner's driveways or yards. One area of concern with any language changes is the enforcement issue.

4-2-07-05 Motion by Strom and seconded by Osten to recommend to the City Council the following language for Off-Street Parking. Unanimously carried.

Watercraft may not be parked in a front yard from December 1 through March 31

Snowmobiles and fish houses may not be parked in a front yard from April 1 through October 31

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON DEFINITIONS FOR SIDE YARD

The discussion on definitions for side yard will be delayed until the May 7, 2007 Planning Commission meeting.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Planning Commission briefly discussed the upcoming training opportunities. Anyone interested in attending is to notify Karen Lauer.

BUILDING PERMIT LIST

The Planning Commission reviewed the building permits for March 1 through March 29, 2007.

OTHER ZONING CONCERNS

Karen Lauer handed out articles from the Minnesota Cities magazine on sign ordinances, digital billboards and swimming pool safety. Karen noted that she plans correspondence with city residents who have swimming pools so they are aware of all regulations.

The next Planning Commission meeting is Monday May 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

04-02-07-06 Motion by Strom and seconded by Fraedrich to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Submitted by:

Pat Berndt
Planning Commission Secretary