



**City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes of June 10, 2019**

Commissioner Weeks called to order the meeting of the Lake Elmo Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cadenhead, Hartley, Holtz, Risner and Weeks

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Johnson and Steil

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Roberts

Approve Agenda:

M/S/P: Hartley/Risner move to approve the agenda as presented, ***Vote: 6-0, motion carried unanimously.***

Approve Minutes:

M/S/P: Cadenhead/Hartley, move to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes as presented, ***Vote: 6-0, motion carried unanimously.***

M/S/P: Hartley/Risner, move to approve the April 22, 2019 minutes as presented, ***Vote: 6-0, motion carried unanimously.***

Public Hearing – None

Business Item – Screening Requirements and Off-Street Parking Regulations in Rural Residential Zoning Districts

Roberts presented there is some confusion and inconsistency between sections 150.001 and 154.407 of the zoning code. The proposed changes to the ordinance are for lots of an acre or more and take into consideration the comments from the previous meeting.

Holtz asked about if page 2 is replacing page 1, he also asked where 25 ft. size limit came from since it does limit some property owners. Roberts explained that they are taking the language of the two existing sections and combining them into one section so there will be no confusion. Roberts explained the size is commonly used size in other codes.

Holtz asked what “good” condition meant and said “operable” would be a better word. He also asked about “neatly stacked” and suggested that “for safety” is added to provide clarity.

Weeks mentioned she felt it was to provide direction to staff. She drove through the rural areas and did not see issues from the street, she did see properties in technical violation due to boat trailers in the front yard around the lakes.

Cadenhead would like to see a height limit of stacked firewood included. Suggested that durable parking areas be better defined to include not subject to rutting or erosion.

Risner asked about why the rear property line was removed when a side property line was added. Roberts suggested that adding to all property lines would work.

Holtz asked if it was purposeful for a recreational trailer to be excluded from the list of trailers allowed. Roberts suggested that it was not intentionally excluded

Roberts stated that he will schedule the public hearing for the ordinance change for July 8 to include the changes mentioned today.

City Council Updates – June 4, 2019

1. There was one item on the Consent Agenda – the City of Grant Comprehensive Plan. The City had “not comment” to the plan.
2. They City awarded the road reconstruction and signal lights contract for Keats Avenue and Hudson Boulevard.

Star Tribune Article – June 1, 2019

Article provided for information only

Staff Updates

1. Upcoming Meeting
 - a. July 8, 2019 – A Concept Plan for another senior housing development along 39th next to Arbor Glen. It will be affiliated with Arbor Glen and aiming for residents 62 and older.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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