



**Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission**

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

7:00 p.m.

1307 Cloquet Ave, Cloquet, MN 55720

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Attending:** Planning Commission members: John Sanders, Terri Lyytinen, Elizabeth Polling, Nathaniel Wilkinson and Uriah Wilkinson; City: Al Cottingham and Holly Hansen.

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Amie Roberson

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Zoning Case 18-01: Variance for Toy Barn Storage, LLC.**

Chairman Wilkinson introduced Zoning Case 18-01, Variance for Toy Barn Storage, LLC. He asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview of the topic. Mr. Cottingham stated Toy Barn Storage, LLC was requesting a variance to the requirement for irrigation. This item was tabled at the last meeting. Ms. Roberson provided staff and the Commission additional information on “native plantings” and the use of irrigation, she was present to address the Commission.

Ms. Roberson addressed the Commission stating they were trying for a more natural landscape rather than one with irrigation. This is becoming a national trend and preserving the natural resources, parts of Minnesota are blessed with plenty of water while other areas put watering bans on in the summer months. The site development is being done with national LEED standards.

The Commission discussed the requirement for irrigation and the lack of irrigation on the other two developments within the park. They discussed the disconnection of the water line at the main, native plantings and the time frame to get them established. They discussed the Ordinance requirement for irrigation and the need to review the requirements and the need for irrigation.

Chairman Wilkinson looked for a motion.



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**Motion:** Commissioner Lyytinen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-01 Variance – Irrigation. A Resolution Approving a Variance to Not Install Irrigation for Toy Barn Storage, LLC, subject to the Site Being Reviewed in Three Years to be Sure the Plantings were Surviving Without Irrigation or This Would be Revisited, Commissioner Sanders seconded. (Motion was approved 5-0).

**Commissioner’s Questions/Comment**

None

**Next Meeting**

May 8, 2018

Meeting adjourned 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator