



Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

7:00 p.m.

101 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Planning Commission members: Terri Lyytinen, Mark Cline, John Sanders, and Rob Zappia; City: Al Cottingham.

Absent: Uriah Wilkinson, Philip Demers and Elizabeth Polling.

Others Present: Ryan and Emily Schlimmer

AGENDA ITEMS

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

None.

August 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Sanders asked for any corrections or additions.

Motion: **Commissioner Lyytinen made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes from August 18, 2021, Commissioner Cline seconded. (Motion was approved 4-0).**

Zoning Case 21-06: Street Vacation for Ryan and Emily Schlimmer

Vice Chairman Sanders introduced Zoning Case 21-06; Street Vacation for Ryan and Emily Schlimmer located west of 1190 Robert Street and opened the public hearing. He asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview. Mr. Cottingham stated that Ryan and Emily Schlimmer were proposing to vacate the portion of Louis Avenue adjacent to their property. Louis Avenue was platted as part of the Noiseau's Subdivision in 1958 and has never been constructed. There are no utilities located within the right of way. He stated if the vacation was approved the city would like to maintain a drainage and utility easement for possible future use. This is a public hearing with a legal notice published in the Pine Knot on August 27th and effected property owners have been sent a notice. He has not heard from anyone regarding the application.

Vice Chairman Sanders asked if the Schlimmer's would like to add anything to what Mr. Cottingham presented. They responded that they did not.

The commission discussed vacating the entire right of way south to West Lawrence Road.



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Mr. Cottingham noted that this was not part of the legal notice that was published and would require a new public hearing and would change the voting requirement at the City Council since this would be a city-initiated project and not something that was petitioned for.

The commission agreed to leave that area alone.

There being no further discussion Vice Chairman Sanders called for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Cline made a motion to recommend approval of the vacation of a portion of Louis Avenue lying south of Robert Street for Ryan and Emily Schlimmer, Commissioner Lyytinen seconded. (Motion passed 4-0)

Mr. Cottingham noted this item would go to the City Council at their meeting on September 21st at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner's Questions/Comment

The commission discussed being able to join the meeting remotely if they were unable to attend in person.

Mr. Cottingham stated they could do that but they would not be able to vote nor would they be counted as making up a quorum for the meeting. State Statue and the open meeting laws govern this.

Next Meeting

October 12, 2021

Meeting adjourned 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator