

MINUTES OF VERMILION MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION on October 3, 2018
7:00 pm - Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion

PRESENT: Commission Members – Heidi Strickler, Heather Shirley, Joe Williams, Jim Chapple
EXCUSED: Jim Pajk

In ATTENDANCE: Chris Howard, City Engineer; Bill DiFucci, Building Inspector; Mayor Forthofer

H. Strickler, Chairwoman, called the Wednesday, October 3, 2018, meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Chapple MOVED: H. Shirley seconded to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Lot Split – PP#: 01-00-036-000-049 – *Connie Laughlin (Cooper Foster Partners, LCC) – South West corner of Sunnyside & Cooper Foster Park Road*

Chris Laughlin of 2160 Sunnyside Road said they submitted for a lot split and he received requested changes from the city engineer. He provided seven (7) copies of description changes and four (4) copies of the map with the fence and vicinity on it. H. Shirley asked the purpose for the lot split and C. Laughlin said they are selling the home and horse barn and the buyers asked for additional property as they have more property in the adjacent piece, so they will cut it in half and will attach it to the piece they are selling and will keep the other half.

J. Williams MOVED: H. Shirley seconded to approve the lot split contingent upon final engineering approval of the resubmitted Legal Description and Survey. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**

Zoning Certificate – PP#01-000-041-090-07 – *3390 Liberty Avenue, just west of German’s Villa – John Reyes (Star Inc.) – Defense Soap*

John Reyes of Star Inc. presented a proposal to erect a building on this lot. It’s a production warehouse for Defense Soap and it’s an approximately 12,406 square feet facility. He showed the members a proposed drawing of the building, parking lot, and landscaping features. The building is single story with a two-story corporate office area out front with a lot of glass and horizontal siding.

J. Williams asked if this would be a manufacturing facility and John Reyes explained it’s packaging soap products for different full-contact sports and events. They receive the large bulk material and repackage it and ship it to their distributors.

H. Strickler noted correspondence the Planning Commission received from the city engineer dated October 1, 2018 relative to items needing addressed. C. Howard said when they submit final plans they will review them.

Mayor Forthofer said that Councilman Gabriel gave him the name of Mr. Sako and he has had the pleasure of working with him. He noted that Mr. Sako not only lives in town and has a great regard for the community, but also the schools where their children attend. They have been highly careful of city considerations and believes he will be a good and responsible neighbor in town with a clean good business that has aims for expansion. He didn’t think they could ask for a better business neighbor in town. H. Strickler said it was exciting to see this progress.

J. Chapple MOVED; H. Shirley seconded to approve the zoning certificate contingent upon the City Engineer's approval of all the comments he addressed in his letter of October 1, 2018. Roll Call 4 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Chairwoman Heidi Strickler adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the commission.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk