

Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

City of Medicine Lake Meeting held virtual via Zoom August 19th, 2021 6:00 pm

1. Call to order and roll call
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
 - Members present include – Jesse Swanson, Brad Beisel, and Bill Enright
 - Members absent include Glen Skajewski, Laura Ferenci and Debbi Stafne
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Bill Enright moved and Brad Beisel Second with all present voting in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes from June 17th, 2021
 - Brad Beisel moved approval of the minutes from June 17, 2021 and Bill Enright second with all present voting in favor.
4. Public Hearings: None Scheduled
5. New Business: None scheduled. The following items were discussed as new business.
 - Brad Beisel got an inquiry of the possibility of a sound barrier on 169. And thought maybe Medicine Lake should pass a resolution to support that effort.
 - Brad Beisel moved to recommend the City Council support efforts of the City of Plymouth to request MnDOT erect a sound barrier on 169 near east park. Bill Enright second. All present voted in favor.
 - General discussion was had regarding the capital improvement project (street reconstruction) and the need to coordinate construction of the street project with private property improvements /construction projects.
6. Old Business:
 - Continued discussion of Shoreland Ordinance Amendments

- Scheib reviewed the discussion topics from the June meeting. the Shore Impact Zone currently refers to 50% of the structure setback which in Medicine Lake could vary based on line of site. Recommended that the Shore Impact Zone be modified to be 25' rather than referring to the building setback line. The other new change is to require a grading permit for 10 cubic yards of material (fill or excavation). PC members discussed and agreed to the change to the Shore Impact Zone and to leave the 10 cubic yards trigger.
 - Scheib discussed the rental of docks question. He is not aware of any state law that regulates rentals of docks. Medicine Lake does not regulate dock rentals. Some cities do, most do not. PC members briefly discussed the issue and how to manage it. Possibly adding it to the short term rental discussion. In Medicine Lake's case the primary issue or concern would be with visitors who rent docks finding a place to park. Question is if that is something the City of Medicine Lake wants. If needed, the best approach might be to have a licensing or registration process so it can be monetized and regulated to ensure awareness. No action is necessary at this time but continue to monitor the potential issue.
 - Continued discussion of short-term rentals and potential community impacts
 - Jesse summarized council members discussion. What do other cities do, how is it regulated, what are the impacts. Some ban STR all together. However, those communities that have banned it are now revisiting it at the request of residents. The movement now is to put ordinances in place to regulate it. Council has asked the PC to provide information to Council on this topic. Spring Lake Park and Orono are currently addressing this topic. Jesse will provide council with background materials. Brad Beisel agreed to do some research on Minnesota case law to support the information. Jesse will report to Council on PC discussion.

7. Adjournment

- Bill Enright moved adjourn at 7:15. Brad Biesel Second and all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted
 Brad Scheib - Planning Consultant/Zoning Administrator
 Approved December 16, 2021