

Meeting of the Windemere Planning Commission - June 11th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman, Clair Strandlie. Others present were members Dianna Sandstrom, Tom Albrecht, Cindy Carlson, Gary Pelton, Clerk, Scott Danelski, and Zoning Administrator Phill White.

AGENDA :

Chairman Strandlie called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda with one addition under old business. Motion passed, 5 Aye – 0 Nay.

METTING MINUTES :

The meeting minutes from the January 8th, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were read. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Pelton to approve the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Passed, 5 Aye – 0 Nay.

The meeting minutes from the April 9th, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were read. Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Passed, 5 Aye – 0 Nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT :

Scott Quittem was present to discuss the high-water level of Sturgeon Lake located at his property 89581 Sturgeon Island Road and the erosion of shoreline around Sturgeon Lake. Sandstrom explained that high water is an on-going problem around the entire state of Minnesota and the Lake Owners Association discussed the topic at their last meeting. Sandstrom explained that the Lake Owners Association has formed a committee to contact the Army Corp of Engineers to see if they can help alleviate the high-water problem on Sturgeon Lake.

Ron & Catherine Faulhaber, located at address 38597 Thornbury Way were present to discuss Windemere Township's zoning ordinance regarding not allowing fences to be constructed over 4' tall. They would like to construct a 6' high fence due to owning a large dog they want to contain. The Planning Commission suggested the Faulhabers contact the Zoning Department and apply for a variance to construct a 6' high fence.

OLD BUSINESS :

A new sign for the Windemere Town Hall was discussed. Cindy Carlson stated she met Board Supervisor, Heidi Kroening to discuss the new sign and she was given permission to pursue a new sign for the town hall. Cindy worked with Jon Lower of Image Design and three versions of signs were created and presented to the Planning Commission for review. Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Pelton to approve sign version #3 and present to the decision to the Board of Supervisors at the June 13, 2019 monthly Board meeting. Motion Passed, 5 Aye – 0 Nay.

The Comprehensive Plan was discussed. The Planning Commission would like to schedule a date to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. A suggestion of the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday August 13th, 2019 was made and the request will be made to the Board at the June 13th, 2019 meeting for approval.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT :

Zoning Administrator, Phill White gave the zoning update. The Zoning Department has issued 31 permits thus far for 2019. There are three potential variance hearings that need to be scheduled with the Board of Adjustments. Phill explained that there is a new Pine County Transfer Station being built by the intersection of County Hwy 61 and Dago Lake Road.

NEW BUSINESS :

None.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION :

The October 8th, 2019 Planning Commission meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday September 24th, 2019.

Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Sandstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Motion passed, 5 Aye – 0 Nay.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

Scott Danelski, Clerk

APPROVED :

Clair Strandlie, Chairman