

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE**  
**October 19, 2020**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – GO TO MEETING**

**Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Talle.  
Present: Chairman Talle, Commissioners Rose, Beckel, and Hughes.  
Absent: Commissioners Norton, McCarty, Miller, and Scheuer.  
Staff Present: City Administrator Bromeland and Administrative Clerk Mandy Auringer

**Approval of Agenda**

- Chairman Talle asked if anyone had anything to add to the agenda. Administrator Bromeland stated she will be adding some new information and language to the Zoning Code Amendments.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Beckel, to review and approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes from September 21, 2020.

**New Business**

**1. Public Hearing for Variance: 202 Cranberry Court**

- Administrator Bromeland restated the discussion from the last meeting for a variance for 202 Cranberry Ct. pertaining to a parking pad that would encroach into the side yard setback. There were no comments back from any of the surrounding property owners.
- Commissioner Rose asked at the last meeting what materials would be used. Administrator Bromeland updated that the homeowners would not be using paver stones.
- Commissioner Beckel was concerned with the 35% side yard coverage. Administrator Bromeland received the dimensions of the yard and parking pad and the homeowners will be well within the 35% coverage.
- Chairman Talle asked everyone to consider the 3 practical difficulties, reasonable, uniqueness, and essential character.
- Commissioner Beckel asked what the closest point is to the neighbor's yard. The closest point is 5 feet, encroaching by 3 feet.
- Chairman Talle opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments or questions.
- Chairman Talle closed the Public Hearing.
- Commissioner Beckel would like discussion on the 3 points of practical difficulties. Commissioner Rose stated that the lots are pie shaped which makes it more difficult to build or add to the property. Chairman Talle stated that since the neighbor in Foxborough already has a existing parking pad it does not affect or deter the essential character. The homeowner stated they bought the home 2 years after it was built and did not plan for adding a parking pad.
- Chairman Talle asked if the homeowners would possibly need a second variance pertaining to parking in the side yard setback.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Beckel, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to recommend to the City Council that the variance request from 202 Cranberry Court - to encroach into the side yard setback with a parking surface for parking - be approved after applying the legal standard of practical difficulties to the facts presented by the applicant. A roll call was taken with Chairman Talle, Commissioners Beckel, Rose, and Hughes voting in favor. Motion carried.

2. Schedule Public Hearing for Needed Zoning Amendments

- Administrator Bromeland stated we do not always know when codes change until we receive a permit and send it to the Building Inspector. There were a few items in our city code that have been changed with the Building Inspector's code. Code changes pertaining to zoning or building permit requirements for fence heights, decks under 30 inches above grade at any point and not attached to another structure with frost footing, and amending the zoning code for variance permits.
- The Building Inspector sent an email stating that a building permit is required for fences over 7 feet in height, a new change from 8 feet. Our city code is 6 feet. Decks and platforms not more than 30 inches above grade and not attached to a structure with frost footings and which is not part of an accessible route (a door access into a home).
- Administrator Bromeland also stated the commission should look at adopting MN Variance LMC Model Ordinance.
- Chairman Talle brought up the issues with the siding code that have been brought up in the past as the code wording is too vague.
- Commissioner Beckel stated he would like to see all the code changes in their entirety before setting a public hearing. Administrator Bromeland will have the exact language for variance and code changes and allowable materials for siding and roofing for the November 16 meeting.

4. 2020 Building Permit Activity

- Permit activity for September-October were presented.

5. Updates

- Commissioner Rose inquired about the Falcon Run subdivision. Administrator Bromeland stated the contractor was doing work, but there were issues with a cracked pipe in the road. The City wants the pipe to be replaced before any homes can be built. Currently the project is at a standstill.
- Commissioner Hughes asked for an update on the Motorsports Park. Administrator Bromeland stated the City is still the appeal process. The City met with the developer to go over the Developer's Agreement.
- Commissioner Beckel brought up the possibility of establishing a compost site in town. Administrator Bromeland stated we would need to find a location for it as the previous location possibly had a rodent problem. Chairman Talle stated the former location was also too close to the creek which was causing a pollution problem due to runoff.

**Adjournment**

- Commissioner Rose moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beckel. A roll call vote was taken with Chairman Talle and Commissioners Rose, Beckel, and Hughes voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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**Trent Talle, Chairman**

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**Mandy Auringer, Administrative Clerk**