

**CITY OF ISANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2018**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Chairman Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present: George Wimmer, Steve Lundeen, Dan Collison, Ross Lorinser, Paul Bergley, and Jeff Miller.

Members Absent: Jim Kennedy

Staff Present: Ryan Kernosky, Community Development Director; Clark Joslin, City Attorney; Gene Hill, Police Chief

1D. Agenda Modifications.

Director Kernosky stated that there were no Agenda Modifications, the meeting proceeded with the published agenda.

2. Organization of Advisory Bodies as per the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergely to reappoint the existing officers as follows:

Chairman: Mayor George Wimmer
Vice-Chairman: Councilman Steve Lundeen
Secretary: Director Ryan Kernosky

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Lundeen, seconded by Bergely to adopt the 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Dates, motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting

Motion by Lundeen, seconded by Bergely to approve the December 19, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of Conflict of Interest Policy

City Attorney Clark Joslin provided copies of the City's conflict of interest policy, and provided a presentation on the City of Isanti's conflict of interest policy to members of the City Planning Commission.

5. Public Hearing

A. Conditional Use Permit request from Warren and Brett Thunstrom to operate a Microbrewery at 2 Enterprise Avenue NE Suite A3 (PID 16.132.0040)

Mayor Wimmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Director Kernosky provided the Commission an overview of the request from Warren & Brett Thunstrom to operate a Microbrewery at 2 Enterprise Avenue NE Suite A3. Because the subject parcel falls within the B-2 and TH-65 overly zoning districts, 'Microbrewery' is a conditional use in the aforementioned districts. Director Kernosky stated that the Conditional Use Permit is consistent with the Conditional Use Permit standards set forth within the zoning code, and is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Director Kernosky stated that staff is recommending approval with the conditions set forth in the attached Resolution.

No one spoke at the public hearing.

Mayor Wimmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Commissioner Bergely asked whether or not the applicant was able to answer any questions. Mayor Wimmer yielded the floor to Warren Thunstrom and asked him a number of questions regarding the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Thunstrom stated he had no concerns regarding the conditions placed on the land-use permit.

Commissioner Bergely asked if a restaurant was going to be apart of this project, Mr. Thunstrom responded and stated that there were no plans to have a restaurant. Mayor Wimmer asked Mr. Thunstrom to provide the Commission with details on the differences between a microbrewery and a brewpub.

Mr. Thunstrom stated they were still working on obtaining licensing from the various jurisdictions.

Motion by Collison, seconded by Lorinser to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit with conditions within the Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Items.

A. 2017 Community Development Department Report

Director Kernosky provided a report on the activities within the Community Development Department in 2017. He stated that 91 new homes were constructed in 2017, and reduced our vacant lot inventory to 145 single-family lots. He continued to state that 755 code violations were cited in 2017, with the majority of those violations being for long grass and illegal parking of vehicles. Finally, he reviewed the 2017 City Council Goals, stating that the annexation project is near completion, and that the 2028 Comprehensive Plan update is getting ready for 2019/2020 budget cycle, and that the City continues to have high requirements for quality of projects.

Mayor Wimmer stated that we are still working on finding a quality candidate for the Building Official position. The City is working with MNSpect, LLC on a potential long-term contract.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen, second by to Bergely to adjourn the January 16, 2018 meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 17th day of January, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RK' or similar, with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan Kernosky
Community Development Director