

**CITY OF ISANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2009**

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Rask called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone rose for the pledge of allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Englund, Sue Larson, Cindy Lind-Livingston, Ross Lorinser, Steve Rask, and Michael Streiff III

Members Absent: Sean Stevens

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner

D. Agenda Modifications.

Krause stated there were none.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting

Motion by Larson, second by Rask to approve the meeting minutes from the February 10, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Other Business

A. Amendments to Ordinance No. 445: Zoning Ordinance, Section 2: Definitions of Terms to include Paintball Facilities within the definition of Commercial Recreation.

Krause presented the staff memo and the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance based upon the Planning Commission's previous discussions.

Larson questioned whether the use should be listed as an Interim Use instead, as the City would have the opportunity to have more control. Larson requested that staff present the differences between the Interim and Conditional Uses.

Krause explained the differences.

Rask stated that he felt more comfortable with the use listed as an Interim Use.

Englund stated that the City would have more control. Englund stated that the use would then run with the owner.

Krause stated that staff could make the changes.

Lorinser questioned where the Recreational Commercial District was located.

Krause stated that the Recreational Commercial District would be located at the golf course.

Lorinser questioned how the use was missed.

Krause stated that staff tried to think of as many uses as possible when drafting the ordinance and the use may have been missed.

Rask questioned if the Planning Commission agreed to send the item to public hearing.

Motion by Larson, second by Englund to call for a public hearing to amend Ordinance No. 445, to include Paintball Facilities as an Interim Use within the “B-2” General Business District. Motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion Items

A. Term Limits Established for the Planning Commission.

Krause explained the new term limits for the Planning Commission.

Lorinser stated that the EDA has had term limits for awhile, so this makes all the boards and commissions equal.

B. Business / Industrial Sub-Committee Update.

Krause outlined the discussion that had taken place to this point on the semi-trailer storage issue within Commercial Districts.

Lorinser questioned the consensus on the storage trailers.

Krause stated that Rask and Englund can comment.

Rask stated that there are problems within the community where residential abuts commercial and these trailers are located outside. Rask stated that the group is trying to strike a balance between the two.

Englund stated that the group is also looking at how long the trailers are located on the parcels and the aesthetics of the trailers.

C. Planning Commission Training Session.

Krause stated that a Land Use Loss Control Attorney would be coming to the next Planning Commission to provide some training to the Commission. Krause stated that everyone’s attendance is important.

Englund questioned if Isanti would be the only ones present.

Krause stated yes.

Lorinser questioned the date.

Krause stated the training would be on April 14th.

Rask questioned if that was after a regular meeting.

Krause stated yes. Krause stated that the April 14th Agenda is pretty light at this point. Krause stated if there would be a greater number of agenda items, the training may need to be pushed to May.

Lorinser requested that staff remind Mr. Stevens of the training, given that he was not present at the meeting.

Krause stated that there is an article from the Minnesota Cities Magazine that discusses land use ordinance mistakes that the Mayor thought would be beneficial for the Planning Commission to read.

Krause stated that there were new Ordinance pages also available for each Commission member. Krause stated that the Commission members could just pull out the old sections and replace them with the updates.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Englund, second by Larson to adjourn the March 10th meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 14th day of April 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Krause, AICP
City Planner