

**CITY OF ISANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2016**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Cesafsky 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: Greg Cesafsky, Paul Bergley, Steve Lundeen, Wayne Traver, and Jim Kennedy.

Members Absent: Jeff Duncan (provided prior notice)

Achman informed the Planning Commission that Cindy Lind-Livingston had resigned from the Planning Commission effective April 12, 2016.

Staff Present: Community Development Director, Roxanne Achman

Others Present: None

D. Agenda Modifications.

Achman stated there were none.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting.

Cesafsky questioned if there were any comments or changes to the minutes.

Motion by Lundeen second by Kennedy to approve the March 8th, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearings.

A. Request from Prairie Senior Cottages for approval of a Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit and Variance for a second building to be located on the property at 705 6th Ave NE, legally described at Lot 1, Block 1, Bank Site Second Addition, Isanti County, Isanti, Minnesota.

Cesafsky read the item into the minutes.

Achman presented the staff memo.

Cesafsky opened the public hearing.

Bergley asked where the new building is in relation to the existing building.

Dustin Lee, Chief Operating Officer, Prairie Senior Cottages, approached the podium to explain that the new building will be just to the west of the existing building.

Bergley asked for clarification on the variance.

Achman explained that the building could not be shifted to the south or west due to the wetland.

Lundeen asked when they planned to start construction.

Mr. Lee stated they hoped to start within 90 days. They plan to start this summer.

Traver and Lee discussed the orientation of the building in regards to the highway. It was stated that the secure area would be south of the building and not necessarily facing the highway.

Cesafsky closed the public hearing.

Lundeen asked that staff look into setbacks in cul-de-sacs.

Motion by Kennedy second by Bergley to recommend approval of request from Prairie Senior Cottages for approval of a Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit and Variance for a second building to be located on the property at 705 6th Ave NE, legally described at Lot 1, Block 1, Bank Site Second Addition, Isanti County, Isanti, Minnesota based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Request from BowDaddy Archery for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate an outdoor archery range on the property at 801 Highway 65 NE, legally described as PT SE/4 of SW/4 Described as: commencing at SE corner of quarter; then N 440'; W 600'; S 440' to S line of SE/4 of SW/4; E 600' to POB. old # 05.020.0300.

Cesafsky read the item into the minutes.

Achman presented the staff memo.

Cesafsky opened the public hearing

Bergley asked if there was netting that goes around the range.

Josh Johnson, BowDaddy Archery, stated that based on the NRA guidelines, a backstop is the only thing that is needed behind the target face. The target is roughly 18 inches thick and four foot by four foot dense foam.

Achman stated that there is not a required fencing or backstop that is needed. The targets are quite large and thick.

Bergley stated he just wanted to make sure there were no issues with the stray arrows.

Lundeen stated that anybody shooting where they shouldn't be will be asked to leave.

Mr. Johnson described the location of the range, stating that the area is roughly ten feet lower than the building level. To the south there are thick trees, to the east are trees and the building and to the west are hundreds of yards of wetland. Nobody should be shooting north. There will be staff on site and signage with the range regulations.

Cesafsky asked if there would be 3-D targets. Johnson stated that was not the plan, but possibly in the future.

Cesafsky closed the public hearing.

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to recommend approval of request from BowDaddy Archery for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate an outdoor archery range on the property at 801 Highway 65 NE, legally described as PT SE/4 of SW/4 Described as: commencing at SE corner of quarter; then N 440'; W 600'; S 440' to S line of SE/4 of SW/4; E 600' to POB. old # 05.020.0300 based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusion and with the following conditions:

1. There shall be no grading, killing of vegetation or permanent structures within the designated wetland area, the area of the approved range may; however, be mowed.
2. All targets, shooting line markers, tables, bow racks, quivers, distance markers and any other items within the range shall be removable and/or temporary items.
3. All activities are to remain on the property of 801 Highway 65 NE.
4. The area beyond the targets shall be regularly searched for stray arrows.
5. All federal, state and local laws shall be abided by at all times.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Request from the City of Isanti for an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Rezone 1107 Rum River Drive SW from R-1(Single Family Residential) to Park and Open Space, legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Rum River Meadows 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Isanti, Minnesota.

Cesafsky read the item into the minutes.

Achman presented the staff memo.

Cesafsky opened the public hearing. There was no one in the audience to speak on the matter. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Lundeen second by Kennedy to recommend approval of the request from the City of Isanti for an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Rezone 1107 Rum River Drive SW from R-1(Single Family Residential) to Park and Open Space, legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Rum River Meadows 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Isanti, Minnesota based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Request from the City of Isanti to Amend Zoning Ordinance 445, Section 14: Performance Standards to include fencing/barricade requirements for swimming pools.

Cesafsky read the item into the minutes.

Achman presented the staff memo.

Cesafsky opened the public hearing

Traver asked if the fencing is required even if the pool is put up and taken down every year.

Achman stated that it depended on whether the pool was 24 inches deep and held 5,000 gallons of water or not.

Cesafsky asked if there was height requirement for the fencing. Achman stated the required fence height was 48 inches. Cesafsky stated that the side of his pool is four feet and questioned what good a four foot fence is on a pool that has four foot sides.

Lundeen stated that anyone with a pool should have a fenced in yard for liability reasons.

Achman stated she will need to get more clarification from the Building Official on specifically how the fencing requirements are interpreted.

Cesafsky has asked if the ordinance could require a six foot fence rather than a four foot fence, or it could state that the fence needs to be 24 inches higher than the pool.

The Planning Commissioners discussed and agreed that more information was needed prior to adopting an amendment to the zoning code.

Cesafsky opened the public hearing. There was no one in the audience to speak on the matter. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Bergley second by Lundeen to table the request from the City of Isanti to Amend Zoning Ordinance 445, Section 14 Performance Standards to include fencing/barricade requirements for swimming pools until the next meeting and to bring back additional information. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Business.

A. None

5. Discussion Items.

A. None.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to adjourn the April 12th, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 12th day of April 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Achman, AICP
Community Development Director