

**CITY OF ISANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2017**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Chairman Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone rose for the pledge of allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Don Lorsung, City Administrator

Others Present: Karl Jentoft, CSDCPC ASA, LLC, on behalf of the Art and Science Academy

D. Agenda Modifications.

None

Motion by Lundeen second by Collison to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2017 Planning Commission Meetings

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

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve the Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing

A. Request from CSDCPC ASA, LLC, on behalf of the Art and Science Academy, for approval of an Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit approved through Resolution 2014-074, to increase the maximum number of students from 260 to 300 at 903 6th Ave Ct NE, legally described as Lot 2, Block 1, of Fairway Greens, Isanti County, Isanti, Minnesota.

Chairman Wimmer read the item into the minutes and opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Wimmer commented that the Planning Commission was looking for substantial progress on the playground before approving the request. He said the request was a month early, but it could be approved at the July meeting as long as CSDCPC ASA, LLC followed through.

Karl Jentoft said the plats were filed 6/20/2017 and they have not been able to physically work on the park before the filing. The amendment request for the Planning Commission's June meeting was to give the City Council time to approve the request before the beginning of the school year.

Wimmer said he understood, which is why the City conveyed that the process needed to begin sooner than it did. He would only want to go forward with it if there was substantial progress by the July 5th City Council meeting, or if not then, for consideration at the July 18th City Council meeting.

Jentoft agreed. They have a contractor lined up to perform the work. He shared the importance for the student enrollment to increase for the next school year. He also shared that the Art and Science Academy would be requesting a temporary increase to 350 students until the Middle School would open.

Wimmer then reiterated that substantial progress must be made.

Bergley commented that the 2014 zoning ordinance did allow for educational institutions in that zone. He wanted to know if that had changed. Wimmer discussed about the need to maximize commercial uses in that district, causing the changes in use.. He shared that the property in question was originally zoned as commercial use; a non-profit bought them and they were then reclassified. Since no additional building or footage is being added, this is still an approved usage and the zoning requirements have not changed.

City Attorney Joslin stated that the applicant should waive the applicability of the 60-day rule for the request to ensure it causes no future issues with consideration at either July City Council meeting. Wimmer said the applicant can waive the rule and a decision will be made at either of the July council meetings.

Jentoft agreed to the 60-day rule waiver. He will follow this verbal agreement with an e-mail to the City.

Wimmer proposed that the requested amendment be approved at the Planning Commission meeting for final consideration at one of the City Council meetings in July provided there was substantial progress on the playground.

Mayor Wimmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Business.

A. None.

5. Other Communications.

A. None.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen second by Lorinser to adjourn the June 20th, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 29rd day of June 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Lorsung
City Administrator