



**LE SUEUR PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 11, 2021**

A meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. virtually via Go to Meeting with the following Planning Commissioners in attendance: John Dieball, Andrea Faches, Colleen Johnson, Jack Roberts, Julie Sheehy, and Dan Ryerson. Commissioners absent: Melissa Huntington. Samantha DiMaggio, Community Development Director, and Leah Mahoney, City Council Liaison, were also in attendance.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Sheehy to approve the agenda as written. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Sheehy, seconded by Commissioner Dieball to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Item 4.1. Public Hearing - Zoning Code Amendment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Faches, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to open the Public Hearing. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Staff reviewed the proposed Chapter 153 Zoning Code amendments which include sections §153.076 Swimming Pools, §153.049 Fences, and the Impervious Surface Requirements in sections §153.211 General Business (B-2), §153.212 Light Industrial (I-1) and §153.213 General Industrial (I-2). During the public hearing, the Planning Commission heard from business owner John Henry, owner of Le Sueur Mini Storage. Mr. Henry recently purchased this business and is now looking to expand. Unfortunately, Mr. Henry's plans may be affected by the 50% Maximum Impervious Surface and should he choose to move forward, would need to apply for a variance or reduce the size of the expansion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryerson, seconded by Commissioner Faches to close the Public Hearing. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryerson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to recommend the City Council approve the modifications to the Zoning Code as proposed with the understanding the Director Kucera would make a formal recommendation to the City Council on how the updates to the Impervious Surface Maximums could potentially impact the sewer rates and sewer capacity. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Item 5.1. City Council Report: Council Member Mahoney discussed the City Council Annual Retreat, during which the park priorities, upcoming infrastructure projects, and the Mayors Coalition on the Community Center were discussed. She also mentioned the Councils discussion on the Future of the City Forum.

A **motion** by Commissioner Ryerson, seconded by Commissioner Dieball to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Voting in favor: Sheehy, Johnson, Faches, Roberts, Ryerson, and Dieball. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha DiMaggio, Community Development Director