

City of Tomah Planning Commission Minutes

The City of Tomah Planning Commission met in regular session on Thursday, March 30th, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI. Presiding Officer Mayor Nellie Pater called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

- 1) Roll call was taken with Commissioners: Brian Rice, Bryan Meyer, Mary Ann Komiskey, Tim Callahan and Mayor, Nellie Pater. Commission member Tina Thompson arrived at 5:55 P.M. Absent: Eric Prise
Ex-Officio's present: City Inspector, Shane Rolff and City Administrator, Roger Gorius.

- 2) The Planning Commission held a joint meeting with the Long Range Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to discuss the draft Downtown Tomah Master Plan.

Public hearing was opened at 5:40 P.M., present: Lamont Kiefer, Wayne Kling, and Gary Dechant. Andrew Bremer present to explain and review the Downtown Tomah Master Plan. The draft was created as a guide for public and private improvements in the downtown district.

Public hearing closed at 6:10 P.M.

- 3) Motion by Thompson, seconded by Meyer, to recommend a resolution to adopt Downtown Tomah Master Plan as a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan. All ayes, with the exception of one no, Komiskey. Motion carried.
- 4) Motion by Komiskey, seconded by Callahan, to recommend historic preservation ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Long Range Planning Commission adjourned their meeting.

- 5) Motion by Callahan, seconded by Meyer, to approve minutes from previous meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6) Agenda item 12 was asked to have a motion.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Rice, to approve a CSM for Brian Buswell, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 7) Public hearing opened at 6:40 P.M. to consider amendments to the Zoning Code, Section 52-35(a)(4), to allow light fabrication as a conditional accessory use for businesses in the B Business District

The amendment is in relation to agenda item 12, CSM for Brian Buswell, as he would like the ability to use light fabrication at his business. Discussion to clarify total floor area. It was determined that total floor area pertains to ground floor that is devoted to the principle business. Public hearing closed at 6:55 P.M.

- 8) Motion by Meyer, seconded by Thompson, to recommend amendments to the Zoning Code, Section 52-35(A) (4), to allow light fabrication as a conditional accessory use for businesses in the B Business District, with the revisions created during the meeting and recorded by Andrew Bremer. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 9) Thompson gave an update on the Ranger Station. The flooring, doors and windows are completely done on the upper level. Still working on main level, about 25% down. Getting ready to do landscaping and to lay brick to match historical Tomah. Meet with contractor to pick out cabinets and appliances. Furniture order and will be repurposing old pieces that were left. Working on a time capsule. Hoping to be done late April.
- 10) Motion by Meyer, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Bloyer Field Airport Improvements. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 11) City Inspector Rolff suggested that the Planning Commission consider adopting design standards for Commercial and Industrial developments. This would mean that all developments for site plans would be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The commission members agreed, thought it was a good idea.
- 12) City Inspector Rolff suggested that the Planning Commission considered amending the current ordinance restricting a deck side yard setback of 10' from the property line. In older neighborhoods/smaller lots it is hard to meet the deck requirements. Would like to see decks become an accessory, which allows resident less restriction on deck placement. Will bring back to next meeting for further discussion.

13) Motion by Meyer, seconded by Thompson to approve a CSM for Dave Birdd, as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

14) Motion by Meyer, seconded by Komiskey, to approve a Plot Map for Tomah Lumber Properties, LLC, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

15) The April Planning Commission meeting will be changed to April 20th.

16) Motion by Rice, seconded by Komiskey, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Submitted by:

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