

MINUTES

Greenwood Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health pandemic, the meeting was held by electronic means in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statute § 13D.021.



1. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | APPROVE AGENDA

Chairman Lucking called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Members Present: Chairman Pat Lucking; Commissioners Kelsey Nelson, Mark Krezowski

Members Absent: David Steingas; Julie Getchell

Others Present: City Zoning Administrator Scott Richards, Council Liaison Tom Fletcher

Motion by Nelson to approve the agenda. Second by Krezowski. Motion passed 3-0.

2. MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2021

Motion by Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Krezowski. Motion passed 3-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing, Amendment to the Greenwood Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 11, Section 1102.00 and Section 1205 regarding the definition of boat/watercraft; Section 1122.15 regarding the requirements for setbacks and impervious surfaces in the R-2 District; and Section 1176.04 Subd 7 related to the requirement of a variance, not conditional use permit for retaining walls within the shoreland setback zone.

Richards presented the staff report: The City Council, at their February 3, 2021 meeting requested the Planning Commission hold a public hearing, provide comments and consider a recommendation on the draft amendments to the Zoning Ordinance providing a revision to the definition of boat, include requirements for impervious surface coverages in the R-2 District, and to clarify the language regarding the requirement for a variance, not a conditional use permit for retaining walls in the shoreland setback zone. When reviewing the amendments for amending the Shoreland Management Ordinance regarding lake residential lots, the City Council determined that the definition of boat should be consistent with the DNR requirements for licensing of boats/watercraft. The current ordinance definition of boat exempts those less than 12 feet. It was determined that the ordinance definition should be revised to be consistent with the DNR requirement of 10 feet.

The second amendment relates to the R-2 Single Family Residential District and impervious surface coverages. In the last update of the district requirements, the impervious surface coverage requirements were not included in Section 1122:15. To clarify the ordinance, the table that includes setbacks is to be amended to include maximum impervious surface coverages.

The third amendment corrects Section 1176.04 Subd 7 relating to the allowance for retaining walls in the shore setback zone by variance, and not by conditional use permit.

Liaison Fletcher provided additional background information and the reasons why the City Council was pursuing this amendment. Liaison Fletcher indicated that the definition of boat should be consistent with the DNR requirement of 10 feet.

Chair Lucking opened the public hearing. Maureen Burns indicated that she had no comments regarding the proposed amendments.

Nelson asked for clarification of the term nonmotorized and about kayaks. Staff indicated that the new definition of boats means any contrivance used or designed for navigation on water except non-motorized contrivances 10 feet or less in length.

Krezowski motioned to recommend the amendment to the Greenwood Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 11, Section 1102.00 and Section 1205 regarding the definition of boat/watercraft; Section 1122.15 regarding the requirements for setbacks and impervious surfaces in the R-2 District; and Section 1176.04 Subd 7 related to the requirement of a variance, not conditional use permit for retaining walls within the shoreland setback zone. Second by Nelson. Motion passed 3-0.

4. LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Fletcher reported on the following:

- A. The City Council is studying the issue of targeted residential picketing and working with the City Attorney and the South Lake Police Department on possible Code amendments.
- B. Annual utility billing.
- C. Compensation/stipend for Commission and Committee members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Second by Krezowski. Motion passed 4-0.

*Respectively Submitted,
Scott Richards
Zoning Administrator*