

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, July 15, 2021
9 AM
Minutes**

Chairman Jere Fritsche called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Jim Wester, Pete Djupe, Dennis Powell, Michael Hoinowski, Robert Byczek, Jr., and Fritsche.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance – Dave Sankey, Darren and Tricia Mercier.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Byczek moved, with support from Powell, to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favor; Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Djupe moved, with support from Byczek, to approve the June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Iron County Dog Society – Conditional Land Use:

Andreski said at the last meeting, the Commission wanted the Society to present a more detailed site plan. They have updated the site plan and are now requesting approval for the installation of a gravel parking lot.

Fritsche said an issue he sees is the parking. He said the existing curb would need to be removed so cars can park without jumping it. Tricia Mercier said there is no curb, and the location is a benefit to residents and visitors alike.

Djupe said any future plans should include a walking bridge from the RV park to the dog park.

Tousignant referred to the following Sec. 151.192 (A):

Where required. In all zoning districts, off-street parking facilities for the storage and parking of self-propelled motor vehicles for the use of occupants, employees and patrons of the buildings hereafter erected, altered or extended after the effective date of this chapter, shall be provided as herein prescribed. Such space shall be

maintained and shall not be encroached upon so long as said main building or structure remains, unless an equivalent number of such spaces are provided elsewhere in conformance with this chapter.

151.192 (E) states:

Units and Methods of Measurement. For the purpose of determining off-street parking requirements, the following units of measurement shall apply:

- (1) Floor area. Where floor area is the unit for determining the required number off off-street parking spaces, said unit shall mean the gross floor area, excluding that floor areas within the principal building used for parking, incidental service and storage, housing of mechanical equipment, heating systems and similar uses need not be included.
- (2) Employees. For requirements stated in terms of employees, the calculation shall be based upon the maximum number of employees likely to be on the premises during the largest shift.
- (3) Places of assembly. in stadiums, sports arenas, churches and other places of assembly in which those in attendance occupy benches, pews or other similar seating facilities, each 24 inches of such shall be counted as one seat. In cases where a place of assembly has both fixed seats and open assembly area, requirements shall be computed separately for each type and added together.
- (4) Fractional requirements. When units of measurements determining number of required parking spaces result in requirement of a fractional space, any fraction shall require one parking space.

Sec. 151.193 The Planning Commission, based on a recommendation from the Zoning Administrator, may allow deviations from the hard durable surface lot requirement for seasonal or auxiliary lots. The recommended surface shall be suitable for the given parking area in question.

Tousignant stated this permit does not come within the purview of this ordinance and is not what this group is looking for. He said, Andreski would be able to make a recommendation but at this time, a parking lot is not needed for the type of use being proposed in their plan.

Djupe motioned with support from Byczek to back out of the process due to lack of Planning Commission jurisdiction. All were in favor except for Wester. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

David Sankey (K&D) – Conditional Land Use:

Sankey explained his plan to extend the existing wall of his shop building south 38 feet and intersect it with the office wall. The expansion would allow for two more mechanic bays in his repair shop along with an outdoor concrete pad with a picnic table for his patrons that smoke. He said he also plans to put a 20-foot-long storage container along the alley. The container would allow for the storage of old tires and other unsightly supplies.

Sankey added he recently signed U-Haul papers to quit the business and soon the vehicles and trailers would be gone from his lot. He also said the unfortunate side of his towing business is not being able to legally get rid of certain vehicles in a timely matter without the right paperwork. Tousignant said he believed this was a Zoning Board of Appeals issue with the setbacks and should be presented to them for a variance.

Byczek moved with support from Djupe to recommend Sankey present his request to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tousignant said he has had several conversations with Andreski about surplus City property. He said there are several lots and acreage already surveyed and could be available. He suggested all members should do their diligence to research to be able to give suggestions to people wanting to purchase.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Djupe said there were two dead trees along 402 Cherry Street right of way. He said there is also a puddle that always forms after snow and rain, at the intersection of Ice Lake Road and South Ice Lake Road.

Byczek said there is construction at the old Baker Store on Cherry Street with materials that were taken from another building by the Riverside Pump Station. He also said he would offer his services in exchange for a can of yellow paint and a roller to paint the “no parking area” at the intersection of Cherry Street and Washington Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Djupe moved with support from Byczek to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.



Bernadette Coates
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