

Town of Clear Lake - Plan Commission Special Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2015

Plan Commission President Mike Long called the special meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members introduced themselves, and the following members of the Plan Commission were present.

Bonnie Brown
Emma Brown
Roger Dammeier
Alan Korte
Mike Long
Don Luepke

Zoning Administrator Amy Schweitzer was present for the meeting. Plan Commission member Chris Folland was not present. President Long announced that a quorum was present. There were several members of the public in the audience.

President Long announced the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed amendment to the Town's Unified Development Ordinance, specifically changes to the Driveway Standards. He asked the Plan Commission if they had the opportunity to look at the proposed amendment. For the benefit of the audience, Long explained that currently new driveways or driveway expansions are required to be concrete or asphalt. Last year, the Plan Commission prohibited stone driveway surfaces because stones can be harmful to the road and have caused damage to the Town's leaf vac. President Long concluded that the proposed amendment would permit stone surface driveways, but require a two-foot deep apron where the driveway meets the street. President Long concluded that if the Plan Commission approves the amendment tonight, there will be a Public Hearing on it in August.

President Long asked for questions or comments from the Board. Ms. Bonnie Brown asked about the following phrases: "other non-porous" and "other similar materials." Brown also asked about grass pavers being permitted as a driveway surface in the MR District, but grass pavers not being permitted as parking surface in MR. There was discussion and ultimately the Plan Commission agreed driveway and parking surfaces should be consistent within a zoning district. The Plan Commission decided Section 5.52 C. should include grass pavers as a permitted parking surface.

Mr. Luepke stated that porous or pervious surfaces are much better for the lake because water is allowed to filter through those surfaces and into the ground which is a natural filter.

Hearing no other discussion, President Long entertained a motion. Mr. Korte made a motion to approve the proposed amendment with the aforementioned change and advertise for a Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled August 3 meeting. Mrs. Emma Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with five votes in favor and one vote against.

President Long announced the next meeting would be August 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Clear Lake Town Hall. In response to a question, Long stated that Mr. Bob Lewis, Town Council President, would make the final call for when the Town Council would hear the amendment. Long thought it would be August or September.

Hearing no other business, Mr. Luepke made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Korte seconded the motion. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Amy Schweitzer, Secretary