

PICKSTOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM, PICKSTOWN, SD
AUGUST 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. Present were Dick Crabtree, Gary Wiesner, Ron Mabie and Sue Schultz. Absent: Sandy Daggett.

Motion made by Ron, seconded by Gary, to approve the agenda. All voted aye, motion carried.

Minutes from the July 15, 2020 P&Z Commission Meeting were sent out by email. Motion made by Gary, seconded by Dick, to approve the P&Z Commission Meeting minutes. All voted aye, motion carried.

Old Business: Commission members' list of issues, duties and responsibilities. The committee discussed the matter of Term Limit for P&Z Commission members. Right now, term for P&Z is 5 years and Board of Adjustment is 3 years. (It was noted that City of Wagner has their City Council acting as Board of Adjustment.) Board of Adjustment term is the same as trustee/council. Dick was wondering why the terms are different. P&Z Commission became the Board of Adjustment back in 2014. Separation of duties was the reason to have the P&Z acting as Board of Adjustment and not the Board of Trustees. Several members discussed their displeasure with how the procedure for the Bietz Building Permit request and Variance was handled, i.e., schedule public hearings back-to-back, a week apart.

Gary suggested that a request be made to the Board of Trustees to consider changing the P&Z Commission term limit to 3 years from 5 years. Possibly send them a letter with the request to review the matter as a way of getting the issue on their agenda.

P&Z duties and questions: Purpose of the committee was reviewed once again. It was suggested we recommend to the Board that this list of duties be included in the ordinance that defines the scope of the P&Z Committee.

Discussed Comprehensive Plan. Eric Ambrosion indicated a draft will be ready in September for P&Z to review. Once the P&Z Committee is comfortable with the draft, it will be forwarded to Board of Trustees for review, hopefully following the October meeting. Should the Trustees subsequently approve, a public hearing would typically be held before the Trustees take a final vote to approve.

The following issues were also discussed:

1. Sump pumps and sewer system – Is the city still inspecting residences for septic system compliance?
2. Should the P&Z be involved in reviewing any building permits?
3. Enforcement issues – who is responsible for enforcing existing ordinances?
4. Two (2) lots in the park. Is the survey of the lots finished and should P&Z have been involved in the process?
5. City-wide Clean Up. Many homeowners still request a city wide “clean up” day be held every fall for people to dispose of old furniture, etc. Dick indicated Mark Fortuna is adamantly opposed to this idea due to cost and logistics.

Motion made by Gary, seconded by Ron, to adjourn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 7, 2020, 6:30 PM at the Rainbow Room.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Schultz, Secretary