

**ROCKREEK PLANNING COMMISSION
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Chair Curt Kubesh called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Members present:

Oliver Rauschnot, Dan Saumer, Curt Kubesh, Dillon Barton, Josh Froelich, Chad Pasch, Donnie Peterman III

Members Absent:

Others present:

Ashley Rauschnot, Don Burger

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum

Oliver Rauschnot motioned seconded by Dillon Barton to approve the June 17, 2024 minutes as sent. Motion passed with all ayes.

Oliver Rauschnot motioned seconded by Dan Saumer to approve the Planning Commission Payroll. Motion passed with all ayes.

New Business

THC – Liquor License Process Review

Ashley Rauschnot explained the process for how the liquor licenses are currently processed within the City, as members think that we should do something similar for Cannabinoid Products as well. Dan Saumer and Ashley Rauschnot presented examples of ordinances from seven different cities in MN for members to review. Dan Saumer said that he also reviewed the Cannabis Slideshow from Reese Fredrickson (Pine County) and would like to see three things noted on the City's Ordinance for sure. He would like to limit licenses given (he suggested 3), he would only like it allowed in the Commercial District, and he would like to prohibit it within 1,000 feet of a school, or 500 feet of a day care, residential treatment facility, or an attraction with a public park used by minors.

Minimum Square Footage for 2nd Dwellings –

This section of the meeting is to discuss the Accessory Apartments for In-Laws minimum square footage required. The current ordinance states that the minimum square footage for an in-law apartment is 500 square feet. Curt Kubesh explained that accessory apartments are allowed in R-1 and R-2 and a lot of those lots are only 2.5

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acres, which isn't a whole lot of room left over to have 500 square feet be the minimum allowed. Oliver Rauschnot brought up that a 25-foot Park Model is 200 square feet. He said that seems like a great option for an in-law apartment since they are small and they tend to look nice, but they are meant to be temporary. Members agreed and said that we should hold a public hearing in September to change the ordinance from 500 to 200 square foot minimum for accessory in-law apartments. Dan Saumer agreed and said this gives him time to run it past the Council before then.

Old Business

Right of Way/Utility Permit Application

Curt Kubesh explained that the City has had a nightmare of a time dealing with the ECE fiber crews in town and that we desperately need a right-of-way/utility permit for the future. Don Ramberg presented an example of a Utility Right-of-way Permit at the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting. Ashley Rauschnot used this as a template to come up with an application for the city of Rock Creek. After reviewing the permit application, Oliver Rauschnot suggested to add two things:

1. No trenching across roads – directional boring only across roads.
2. Minimum depth for fiber/phone is 18”

Josh Froelich motioned seconded by Oliver Rauschnot to add the above two items to the application and then recommend it to council for approval. Motion passed with all ayes.

City Council Notes

Dan said that the only thing they talked about was that the Planning Commission get to working on an ordinance for the THC/Cannabis.

Donnie Peterman III motioned seconded by Dillon Barton to adjourn at 7:46pm. Motion passed with all ayes.

Ashley Rauschnot
Deputy Clerk