

ARLINGTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nagel

Members Present: Grabitske, Haggenmiller, Kreft, Mielke, Chairperson Nagel, Pinske, Councilmember Reetz

Members Absent: None

Also Present: PZ Adm. Smith-Strack

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pinske, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Kreft, seconded by Haggenmiller, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the August 19th meeting as presented.

Reetz commented that he has not seen anything come before the Council regarding condemnation as mentioned in the meeting minutes above. Smith-Strack stated that she had talked with the City Administrator about the property and they feel it would be better if they meet with the property owner first before taking any formal action.

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

Smith-Strack noted that at the previous meeting Warren Dressen stated that he was looking to purchase the Mid-County Co-Op property located at 39625 230th Street with the intent to operate a freight transfer station and outdoor storage for heavy duty construction equipment. She explained that discussion centered on whether or not the proposed use fit under a permitted or conditional use within the industrial district. It was decided that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be drafted, which she presented for review. Smith-Strack stated that she had sent Mr. Dressen a copy and was waiting to hear back from him. Pinske expressed concern that there wasn't anything about storage of hazardous materials within the MOU. Mielke commented that the MPCA governs this within industrial districts.

Smith-Strack stated that the official zoning map needed to be updated. She had made the necessary changes and had Bolton & Menk update the map, which was reviewed. She pointed out the various changes. Considerable discussion was held. Smith-Strack commented that individual public hearing notifications do not have to be sent out as the whole zoning map is being considered.

Motion by Mielke, seconded by Grabitske, and passed by unanimous vote to call a public hearing on October 7th to review changes to the official zoning map.

Smith-Strack commented that a conflict exists between Zoning Ordinance 169 and Pet Ordinance 206 with regards to the keeping of pets/animals within city limits.

Motion by Mielke, seconded by Grabitske, and passed by unanimous vote to remove the language from Zoning Ordinance 169 regarding pets and then use Ordinance 206 for the regulation of pets.

The August Building Permit Report was reviewed.

Reetz commented that Swenson (owner of storage unit in the southwest corner of town) was in the process of constructing another storage unit and questioned if he would now have to apply for a permit through the City

even though he had obtained one from the County prior to being annexed into city limits. Smith-Strack stated that he would not as he was operating under a permit previously issued.

Nagel questioned if the issue with a resident and his swimming pool had been resolved. Smith-Strack stated that he was currently compliant, but will be checking again November 1st to make sure he stays compliant.

Smith-Strack commented that the time limit for the variance for the temporary ramp on West Adams Street would be up for review at the October meeting.

Kreft inquired what was being done about the buildings next to the railroad tracks owned by After Burner Auto Body. Smith-Strack commented that she and the City Administrator were going to be meeting with the owner about the property.

Smith-Strack commented that she and the City Administrator were also going to be meeting with the manager for Cemstone about their property.

Haggenmiller inquired where things were at with regards to the Neisen property. Smith-Strack stated that after the civil suit, the City (Police) was issued keys to do random spot checks and have reported that no one has been living there.

Kreft inquired if the City has any authority to regulate how property should be handled or allowed to be remodeled if it has historic value, such as with the Lowell Panning property, so that it does not lose said value. Grabitske commented that the City does not have a 'historic' district and therefore has no authority to enforce/control such matters.

Motion by Grabitske, seconded by Mielke, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

PZ Adm. Cynthia Smith-Strack

Chairperson Lowell Nagel