

September 12, 2016

The Planning & Zoning Commission for the City of Okoboji, Iowa met in session on the above date at 4:00 P.M. in the Okoboji City Hall. Commission members present were: Pearson, Grant, Marousek, Mendenhall, and Shuttleworth. Others present were: Ken Ferguson, August Scheppmann, Teri Warborg, Walter Mendenhall, Mark Jensen, Mark Schutt, Jay Michels, Steve Anderson, Steve Hallgren, Dave Stein, Brad Beck, Lissa Ballis.

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. stating the purpose of the meeting was to consider/discuss the following as it relates to lakeshore landscape permits for the City of Okoboji: Criteria, Requirements, Procedure, Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Scheduling of future meetings.

Pearson started the meeting with a correction to the minutes from the previous meeting on 9/8/16. Those corrections were to replace Marousek with Grant in three places throughout the document. Shuttleworth/Grant moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 9/08/16 with those amendments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Shuttleworth stated the committee invited both Jay Michels who is an erosion and sediment control specialist and Mark Schutt with the Soil and Water Conservation District for their expertise in erosion control. Steve Anderson was also on hand to relay his experiences when he worked for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Shuttleworth explained that the committee has reached the point where the members are talking about permit requirements. Anderson, Schutt and Michels bring invaluable information to the meeting. Discussion continued on this process as well as other valid points for the committee to think about from situations in which Michels has seen over the 25 years he has been in this field of work.

Ken Ferguson was in attendance to give feedback on his experiences from the landscaper/landscaping point of view. He brought up many good points for the committee to consider while reworking this ordinance.

There was a robust discussion with input from committee members and those in attendance. This was an informational gathering meeting which will help the committee further the process. This draft continues to be a work in progress.

The commission set the next meeting date for September 20, 2016 at 4 p.m. to continue working on an updated lakeshore landscape permit ordinance.

Marousek/Mendenhall moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Lissa Ballis
Deputy City Clerk