

CITY OF OKOBOJI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2020 – 5:30 PM
OKOBOJI CITY HALL, 1322 HWY 71 N., OKOBOJI, IOWA 51355

The Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Okoboji met on the above date at 5:30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing. Commission members present were Les Marousek, Jane Shuttleworth, Perry Pearson, Hank Grant. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, John Wills, Patty Evans Rees, and Ross Brockshus.

Commissioner Pearson chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Pearson presented minutes for the January 8, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for review.

Motion made by Commissioner Shuttleworth and a second by Commissioner Grant to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The following Commissioners voted "YEA": Marousek, Grant, Pearson, Shuttleworth, and Mendenhall. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairperson Pearson moved agenda Item 4 below agenda Item 5.

Chairperson Pearson opened a public hearing to consider an application for lakeshore landscaping submitted by Patty Evans Rees of 1813 Lakeshore Drive. Patty Rees and John Wills spoke in favor of the project. Paul and Glenna Meissner wrote a letter in favor of the project. There were no other comments in favor or against the proposed lakeshore landscaping.

Commissioner Mendenhall inquired about evidence of erosion. Rees identified the west side of her property as the worst spots for erosion.

Commissioner Grant asked about the application of Round Up. Commissioner Mendenhall asked for alternative practices. Wills advised that most homeowners are not permanent homeowners and that alternative ways would not allow for a high chance at success. Commissioner Shuttleworth advised that it would be helpful if there were a more complete species list of what is existing on the lakeshore so that there was a more complete understanding of what was invasive versus native.

Commissioner Marousek encouraged that a licensed applicator be part of the conditional for approval. Commissioner Shuttleworth advised the reach out to the City prior to application. Meyers gave an overview of previous conditions on previous application approvals.

Motion made by Commission Marousek and a second by Commissioner Mendenhall to recommend for approval the lakeshore landscaping permit for Patty Evans Rees of 1813 Lakeshore Drive with the conditions: waiver of the permit duration, requirement for a commercial chemical applicator, suspending weekly storm water inspections in favor of a quarterly storm water inspection, and notification to the City prior to chemical application. The following Commissioners voted "YEA": Mendenhall, Grant, Marousek, Pearson, Shuttleworth. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairperson Pearson opened a public hearing to consider an application for lakeshore landscaping submitted by Progeny, LLC, 7013 Lakeshore Drive. Ross Brockshus spoke in favor of the application.

Brockshus gave an overview of the application and details pertaining to the project including the replacement of the retaining wall at a taller height and erosion behind the existing wall. Brokshus advised that natural field stone would face the new wall.

Commission Mendenhall discussed with Brokshus the plan to pump water out and away from the site. Brokshus described this in detail including silt protection.

Motion made by Commission Marousek and a second by Commissioner Grant to recommend for approval the lakeshore landscaping permit for Progeny, LLC, 7013 Lakeshore Drive with the understanding that the wall proposed is 5' in height. The following Commissioners voted "YEA": Mendenhall, Grant, Marousek, Pearson, Shuttleworth. Motion passed 5-0.

City Administrator Meyers spoke to several topics that he would like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider including the open-space zoning district, lakeshore landscaping and the use of herbicide, fencer material, impervious/pervious patios and walks, line of sight setback calculations, safety fencing on the lakeshore, and the City's sign ordinance. Meyers indicated the sign ordinance is confusing, specifically on section that has caused some confusion.

ADJOURNMENT.

Michael Meyers

City Administrator

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