



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY
OF CHISAGO AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2017, 7:00p.m.
30955 FOREST BOULEVARD STACY MN**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair M. Ness at 7:00pm.

Oath of Office

The clerk administered the Oath of Office to Marie Noe.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Ness, Mark Ness, Michelle Boeck, and Marie Noe

Alternates Present: None

Absent: None

Others Present: Amy Schutt

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

- Caroline Cagle, Gracelynn's Pink Door Art & Boutique
- Zoning Maps
- Stacy Ponds Business Park Sign

Motion by J. Ness to approve the agenda as amended. Second by M. Boeck. J. Ness, M. Boeck, M. Noe, and M. Ness voted yes. Chair M. Ness declared the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by J. Ness to approve the minutes as presented. Second by M. Boeck. J. Ness, M. Boeck, M. Noe, and M. Ness voted yes. Chair M. Ness declared the motion carried.

Council Update

The council approved the sidewalk ordinance, asked the Planning Commission to review unsurmountable curbs, they also appointed a new city attorney.

New Business

**Unsurmountable (Barrier Style)
Curbs**

The council would like the commission to review unsurmountable (barrier style) curbs; would these be safer than what is currently in place? The clerk was directed to ask for input from the City Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor.

Review Park Plan

The commission had a couple changes to the "Stacy Parks, Trail and Open Space Plan:"

Page 4: Park Standards

Change from: ~~The Park and Trail Commission~~ reviewed a variety of standards for park facilities used by communities in the Metro Area.

Change to: The Stacy Park and Recreation Committee reviewed a variety of standards for park facilities used by communities in the Metro Area.

Page 13: Goals and Policies, Policies:

Remove item 1: Develop a municipal hockey arena to serve the region.

Page 16: Parks and Trails Commission Plan Duties:

Change from: ~~The Parks and Trails Commission~~ and City Council will work cooperatively with other communities in ~~Northwest Hennepin County, with the Three Rivers Park District~~, Minnesota DNR, local landowners and others to implement this plan, and make the most of available resources.

Change to: The Stacy Park and Recreation Committee and City Council will work cooperatively with other communities in Chisago County, Minnesota DNR, local landowners and others to implement this plan, and make the most of available resources.

The commission would like to review the plan once the Park and Recreation Committee have had an opportunity to review.

Gracelynn’s Pink Door Art & Boutique, Caroline Cagle

Ms. Cagle asked the clerk if she could hold outdoor sales once per month on property located at 31065 Forest Boulevard. The property is zoned as Central Business:

City Code §153.050

(F) Uses requiring a conditional use permit

(4) Any use requiring outdoor storage or sales space.

The commission determined that Ms. Cagle will need to apply for an Interim Use Permit for outside sales.

Old Business

Review Sign Ordinance

Attorney Schutt informed the commission that the Supreme Court had ruled that the city could not discriminate based on sign content. Most of her clients have not pursued any changes in their sign codes.

The commission decided to move forward with revisions to the sign code. Attorney Schutt will bring some samples to the next meeting. She will also provide comments on our current sign ordinance.

Zoning Maps

The commission reviewed the zoning map update; they found a couple areas that should be colored as parkland. Also, the parcels abutting Stacy Trail (19.0009.00, 19.00102.00) by Stacy Lions Park show as R2 – they should be parks. The clerk was directed to investigate prior mapping to see if they were colored incorrectly or if a zoning change needs to occur.

Stacy Ponds Business Park Sign

Member J. Ness said in review of the sign ordinance he discovered:

§ 153.104 BONUS SIGN AREA.

(A) Generally. To encourage design excellence, the maximum allowable sign area may be increased by the percentages as provided in this section. A separate bonus may be granted for compliance with each of the criteria and the area is cumulative, to a maximum of 100% increase. The percentage increase is based on the original sign area maximum size. The bonus sign area applies to all zoning districts, but does not apply to billboards. All bonus sign area allowances are to be reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Council.

(B) Bonus allowed. Signs may be increased as follows:

- (1) Forty percent when the sign is constructed of materials and colors compatible with the architecture of the building.
- (2) Twenty percent when a multiple occupancy structure retail sign utilizes uniform coloring and lettering for all establishments listed in the directory.
- (3) Forty percent when the sign is installed in a landscaped planter having at least 3 times the area of the sign.
- (4) Twenty percent if the sign is not illuminated.
- (5) Twenty percent when all the lettering and background is uniform in style and color for signs in a shopping center or for any 3 or more consecutive separate establishments.
- (6) Twenty percent if the sign is designed to contain only the identification of the establishment or franchiser without advertising of any products sold on the premises.

Therefore, the sign proposed by the Stacy Economic Development Authority meets the requirements; however, they will still need to change the lighting.

Motion by J. Ness to recommend to the council they approve the Stacy Ponds Business Park sign as presented; per city code §153.104. Second by M. Boeck. J. Ness, M. Boeck, M. Noe, and M. Ness voted yes. Chair M. Ness declared the motion carried.

Open Discussion

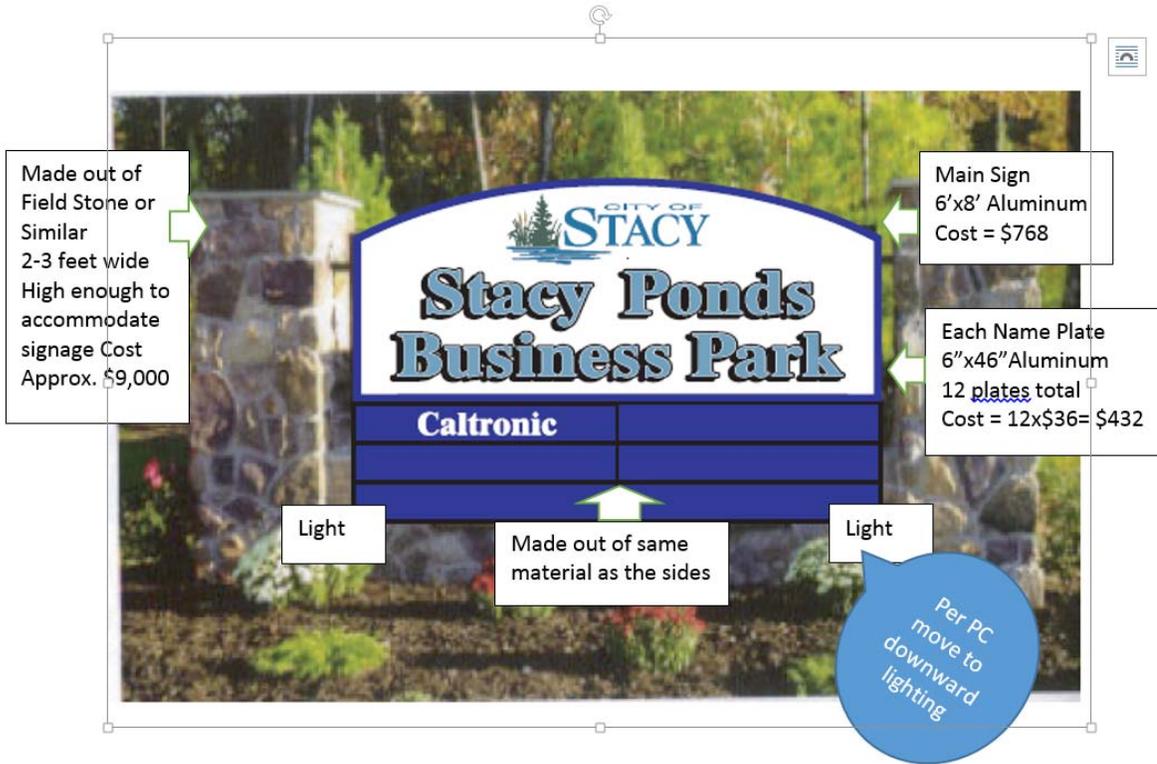
Public Hearings

Member M. Ness said that he was advised while attending the League of Minnesota Cities class for newly elected officials that when holding public hearings do not make up your mind until the public hearing has occurred. Even if you have a feeling to grant or deny; the process needs to occur fairly.

Adjourn at 8:30p.m.

Chair M. Ness declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Sharon MT Payne



Sign recommended to the City Council for approval, February 21, 2017