

City of Decorah
Planning and Zoning Commission
January 11, 2018 – 7:00pm
Meeting Minutes

Members present included: Nathan Thompson, Tony Clarke, Joel Zook, Brain Cook, Stan Moellers, Llew Jenkins, and Barbara Massman

Others present: Zoning Administrator / City Manager Chad Bird

Consider officers of the commission; chair and vice-chair

Motion by Thompson and seconded by Clarke to appoint Brian Cook as the chair of the commission.

Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Motion by Clarke and seconded by Cook to appoint Stan Moellers as the vice-chair of the commission.

Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Consider approval of minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting

Motion by Zook and seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes from the December, 2017 commission meeting.

Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on preliminary plat – Massman Subdivision

Bird reviewed the preliminary plat and reviewed the checklists he had completed along with city engineer Lindsay Erdman.

There was conversation about sidewalks and Bird, Zook, and Thompson verbalized support for sidewalks on both sides of the streets within the subdivision and also along the Highland Drive frontage. Bird noted, and Erdman concurred, that sidewalks on Highland Drive should be in the wider, 5-foot style with the city picking up the extra width.

Thompson asked about the multi-family construction noted on the plans and there was general conversation about what that may mean in future development. There was also conversation about addressing and a proposed private drive or lane area. Bird noted there should be more clarity on that issue as noted on the plans.

There was also discussion about an out lot or lot 21 on the West side of the proposed development and some thought it may be a way to connect to the undeveloped land to the West.

There was also overall concern with the growth and development in the area and noted concern about transportation. Bird noted he had heard from the city council about reviewing a master planning concept for the area.

Motion by Thompson and seconded by Moellers to recommend the preliminary plat be tabled until some of the details are corrected.

Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Consider setting a public hearing on rezoning of property; 3chicsrental, LLC, 2072 State Highway 9 West to C-1 Highway Commercial zoning district, February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm

Motion by Thompson and seconded by Zook to set a public hearing on rezoning of property; 3chicsrental, LLC, 2072 State Highway 9 West to C-1 Highway Commercial zoning district, February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm
Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Consider setting a public hearing on rezoning of property; TNT Properties, LLC, 2700 College Drive to R-1 Single Family Residential zoning district, February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm

Motion by Zook and seconded by Thompson to set a public hearing on rezoning of property; TNT Properties, LLC, 2700 College Drive to R-1 Single Family Residential zoning district, February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm
Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Consider setting a public hearing on zoning code amendments, Chapter 17.16 – sign regulations; February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm

Motion by Moellers and seconded by Thompson to set a public hearing on zoning code amendments, Chapter 17.16 – sign regulations; February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm
Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Consider setting a public hearing on zoning code amendments, Chapter 17.16 – accessory buildings; February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm

Motion by Clarke and seconded by Thompson to set a public hearing on zoning code amendments, Chapter 17.16 – accessory buildings; February 12, 2018 at 7:10pm
Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

Other business

In other business, Thompson shared information relative to the local community visioning program which is just getting underway.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted,



Chad A. Bird
City Manager
Zoning Administrator