

CITY OF DECORAH  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
August 9, 2021 -5:30pm  
Meeting Minutes

Members present included: Terri Byrnes, Joel Zook, Ryan Delaney, Tony Clarke and Marla Klocke

Absent: Nathan Thompson

Others present: Judy Vander Linden, Tom Rhoads, Renee Hill & Janelle Pavlovec  
No Zoom participants.

Consider approval of minutes from the June 14, 2021 regular meeting.

**Motion by Klocke and second by Byrnes to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021 regular meeting.**  
**Roll call vote: Ayes, unanimous.**  
**Motion passed.**

Consider approval of the C-3 Commercial Design Application for the ArtHaus at 107 W Broadway Street- 6 foot high fence. (Tabled at June 14, 2021 meeting)

*Rhoads states Arthaus is currently working with the City to establish an easement. The easement will outline the responsibilities of the property owner as well as the City for care of the dry run creek and maintenance of the box culvert. Rhoads states Arthaus is waiting for easements to be in place before moving forward with project.*

**Motion by Klocke and second by Zook to table the approval of the C-3 Commercial Design Application for the ArtHaus at 107 W Broadway Street- 6 foot high fence until September 13, 2021 meeting**  
**Roll call vote: Ayes, unanimous.**  
**Motion passed.**

Discuss Mural Guidelines provided by Decorah Historic Preservation

*Zook states he feels the guidelines provided by the Decorah Historic Preservation need more detail and definition. Zook states the guidelines need to distinguish the difference between murals and signs. Swanson states any business advertisement is a sign and pictures are murals. Swanson also states the City could have a separate permit for murals instead of using the sign permit for both. Klocke expressed concern that murals are permanent and questions who is responsible for the maintenance of the murals as they become faded or begin to chip. Clarke sees murals as something that will brighten the city and bring in tourists. Clarke feels they are the new trend and feels that they are not permanent as they could always be painted over. Zook and the Decorah Historic Preservation will work together to establish more clear definitions to the guidelines.*

Update on the Veterans Memorial by City Engineers.

*Rhoads states the City has been working the Veteran's to build the memorial. The Veteran's group is on the 8/16/21 City Council agenda to develop an agreement on the phased project.*

Consider setting a date for a public hearing on rezoning the old Fox & Coon Club property from A-1 Agricultural to C-1 Commercial.

*Swanson states the property has been purchased by 3 Chicks and the City will annex the property into the City of Decorah.*

**Motion by Zook and second by Klocke to set a date of September 13, 2021 at 5:35 for public hearing on rezoning the old Fox and Coon Club property from A-1 Agriculture to C-1 Commercial.**

**Roll call vote: Ayes, unanimous.**

**Motion passed.**

No other business

Meeting Adjourned 5:59.3

Respectfully submitted: Greg Swanson, Zoning Administrator