

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The Cascade Planning & Zoning Commission met on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 6:00p.m. in the Cascade City Hall Council Chambers, 320 1st Ave W, Cascade, IA 52033. Present for the meeting and answering roll were: Otting, Conlin, Kerper, Steffen, and Moriarity.

A motion was made by Steffen, which was seconded by Conlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A new chairman needed to be appointed. Motion by Conlin, second by Otting to appoint Bob Moriarity as the new chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Due to the resignation of Mike Gehl, a new member was needed. Steve Moran was the only person who submitted a letter of interest. Motion by Otting, second by Kerper to approve the appointment of Steve Moran to the Planning & Zoning commission. Motion carried unanimously. Steve took his seat at the table for the remainder of the meeting.

A motion was made by Conlin, which was seconded by Steffen to approve the meeting minutes from June 20, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a proposed ordinance regarding property maintenance. This ordinance will specify what property owners need to do to keep their property in good condition. It will also provide a way for the City to better enforce property owners to finish projects on their home. Motion by Otting, second by Steffen to send this ordinance to City Council for further approval. Motion carried 5-1, with Conlin abstaining.

The Commission also discussed removing the word “Existing” under the R-1 minimum yard requirements for lots that are under 80’ wide. With the word “Existing”, it prevents a house to be rebuilt on a lot that is less than 80’ if destroyed due to a fire or tornado or other disasters. Motion by Conlin, second by Otting to remove the word “Existing” and pass on to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission would like to review the Zoning Code and bring it up to date. The City of Monticello is in the process of completely updating their zoning code. Once they are finished, we will hold a workshop to review their code compared to ours. Motion by Otting, second by Steffen to table reviewing the zoning code until more information is received. Motion passes unanimously.

With no other business, a motion was made by Kerper, which was seconded by Steffen, to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna McCusker
City Administrator