

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
APRIL 12, 2011
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of April 12, 2011 to order at 7:00 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Planning Commission were present: Judy Coughlin, Mark Lobermeier, Ken Meyers, and Frank Storm

Members Absent: Sean Wagner.

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Fred Weck, Council Liaison Roger Elmore.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chairman Storm determined a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

“An opportunity for members of the public to address the Planning Commission on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring Planning Commission action maybe deferred to staff for research and future Planning Commission Agendas if appropriate.”

No members of the public spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 Consider approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming, Minnesota Planning Commission for March 8, 2011.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR MARCH 8, 2011.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, Meyers, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2 There was no New Business.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 3 Review Emerald Ash Borer Ordinance**

Staff Provided the Commission with the answers to the questions that were left from the last meeting:

- a. Whether the MnDNR has placed Emerald Ash Borer traps in Carlos Avery. The MnDNR has not placed traps in Carlos Avery and there are no immediate plans to

do so. A private property owner had placed traps in Linwood Township but the MnDNR was not aware that any Ash Borers had been trapped.

- b. Whether annual tree inspections in the city are possible based on the available staff. There is not enough staff or funding available to annual tree inspections as stated in the ordinance.
- c. The city's Zoning Ordinance section on Landscaping and Woodland Preservation lists Ash trees as a replacement tree and whether that should be revisited. Ash trees are listed as a replacement tree, but the ordinance permits no more than 20% of replacement trees to be Ash and that diseased trees are permitted to be removed without needing to be replaced.

Commissioner Wagner arrived at 7:05 P.M.

Staff presented to the Planning Commission the City's ordinance that had been revised by Public Works staff and trained foresters Jason Windingstad and Dave Torma. The ordinance had been revised to include Ash trees and the Emerald Ash Borer and references to the Minnesota Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The Commissioners discussed the revised ordinance. The Commissioners were concerned that the ordinance is tree specific and would have to be revised again if another pest or disease emerged. Another concern was how the ordinance is laid out, and that the requirements jump from place to place.

Commissioner Wagner suggested that the City consider using the Minneapolis ordinance because of its brevity and because it does not specifically name tree pests and diseases. Upon consensus the Commission directed Staff to reformat Minneapolis's ordinance to Wyoming's ordinance number format, and to include Subdivisions 8 & 9 from the League of Minnesota's draft ordinance. Staff was also directed to determine what the Minneapolis's ordinances end of paragraph references are referencing.

REPORTS

Chairman Storm and Commissioner Wagner reported to the Commission their attendance of the City's EDA meeting and that the EDA wants to include Office and Healthcare (OHC) uses in the Mixed Use District (MXD). It was determined that with the exception of Hospitals the OHC uses are included in the MXD uses.

The Commissioners also discussed the status of the Variance Bill currently in the State Legislature that would return variance authority to Cities following a court ruling in 2010.

Commissioner Lobermeier expressed his desire for the Commission to have the opportunity to review the Stormwater Plan being prepared by the City Engineer before the final draft is completed in order to make sure it reflects the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission agreed with Commissioner Lobermeier.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APRIL 12, 2011 AT 8:06 P.M.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, Meyers, Wagner, and Storm.
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None