

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 8, 2011
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of March 8, 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, and Frank Storm

Members Absent: Ken Meyers and 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 February 22, 2011.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, TO APPROVE THE "REGULAR MEETING" MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2011.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Review Emerald Ash Borer Ordinance Examples**

Staff presented to the Planning Commission examples of other community's diseased tree ordinances that include provisions addressing Emerald Ash Borer. The Commission discussed those portions of the ordinances that could be included in the City of Wyoming's ordinance including:

- a. Written homeowner notification and abatement similar to St. Paul's ordinance. Except that the City of Wyoming does not have the funds available to provide subsidies to property owners.

- b. The licensing of tree care firms such as is required by the City of Apple Valley, or only requiring that the firm be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture per the sample ordinance from the League of Minnesota Cities (LOC).
- c. To replace the Wyoming ordinance's provisions for the entering of private property for inspections with the LOC language as the Wyoming ordinance could constitute an illegal search.
- d. Allowing the property owner the opportunity to appeal the inspector's determination of a nuisance tree per the LOC ordinance.
- e. Whether to include the requirement for city approval of the transporting of bark bearing oak, elm, or ash wood per the City of Northfield ordinance.
- f. Require the city to be notified upon the discovery of a diseased tree per the LOC ordinance.

The Commissioners also had some questions that could not be answered during the meeting:

- a. Whether the MnDNR has placed Emerald Ash Borer traps in Carlos Avery.
- b. Whether annual tree inspections in the city are possible based on the available staff.
- 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.

Staff was directed to compose a draft ordinance for review by the Planning Commission for its April 12th meeting and to find answers to the previous questions.

OLD BUSINESS

4 There was no Old Business.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR MARCH 8, 2011 AT 7:39 P.M.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None