



Planning Commission of Pine City, Minnesota

Minutes of Regular Meeting: 29 September 2020

Commissioners Present in Person: none

Commissioners Present by Electronic Means: Bombard, Clark, Else, Jahnz, Pettie, Rydberg, Scholin, Skluzacek, Student Representative Gracie Huff

City Staff / Officials Present by Electronic Means: Sauter

Absent: D'Aigle

Others Present by Electronic Means: none

Skluzacek called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. *Minutes of the August 25th meeting were approved as written, on a motion by Bombard, seconded by Pettie. All voted in favor.*

Introduction of New Planning Commission Member: Sauter introduced Roger Else as a new Planning Commission member, filling the term of DeDe LeMier, who has moved from the area. Unfortunately, his technology was not working as it should, and the rest of the Commission could not hear him.

Recommendation for 2020 Planning Awards: Sauter has provided a memo showing the nominations received for the Citizen Planner and Site Improvement awards. Troy Haug and Pine City Youth Hockey Association have been nominated for the Citizen Planner award, and Kentucky Fried Chicken, Farmers Insurance, Pokegama Pines Student Housing, and Village Bar and Grill have been nominated for the Site Improvement award.

There was discussion on the candidates and their projects. Scholin pointed out the criteria listed for the awards. *He then made a motion recommending PCYHA and their Hilltop Recreation Area Improvement Project for the Citizen Planner award. Rydberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.* Next, Pettie spoke in favor of Pokegama Pines Student Housing for the Site Improvement award, and Rydberg spoke in favor of The Village. *Pettie made a motion to give the Site Improvement award to Pokegama Pines. This was seconded by Bombard and passed unanimously.*

City Council Feedback: Scholin reported that the Council approved both the Carey and Orvis minor subdivisions, as recommended at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioners' Concerns: None expressed.

Staff Comments: Sauter said that, once the Council makes the awards, there is usually a presentation at some function, but with the pandemic, they will likely do something along the line of a video on social media. Skluzacek asked that members of the Commission be included in whatever way possible, to make it special in spite of circumstances.

There being no further business, *Skluzacek declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42pm on a motion by Pettie, seconded by Clark.*