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Ellis Steiner, President

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2015

3131 Taylor Ave Building 3

The meeting is called to order at 5:58 by President Steiner

Present are President Steiner, Commissioners Cattoi, Clouter, Bagg, Fanning, Peterson, and Steiner.

The President leads the group in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment *Pursuant to Wisconsin SS 19.84(2) "the public notice of a meeting of the governmental body may provide for a period of public comment, during which the body may receive information from members of the public."*

Leif Peterson speaks regarding the berm by the cell tower. The weeds are growing very long and it is unsightly. He would like to develop a plan and resolve the issue. He goes on to say that he spoke with Pat Tierney who is concerned about the board going into closed session to discuss selling property when we haven't received an offer. Pat Tierney feels we should sell Beebe School.

President Steiner wants everyone to have copies of Plan Commission responsibilities. He instructs the clerk to send information to commissioners.

The Commission reviews the minutes from June 1, 2015. Commissioner Peterson asks the Clerk to signify that Phillip Ward is known as Jeff. He then moves that the minutes be approved with that correction, seconded by Commissioner Cattoi, and the motion passes unanimously.

The Commission then discusses the fence that the Matsons at 3628 S. Elmwood Drive wish to erect. President Steiner explains that there is a gate section that is adjacent to Taylor Avenue. It is a 5'6" fence. These two sections of fence (facing Taylor Ave) were put in several years ago when they first moved in. They wish to install a gate that is also 5'6" and then a 4' fence around the remainder of the property. The Matsons explain that they can't put a pool in because of issues with electrical wires. Mrs. Matson explains that they have done a lot of work to beautify the property. They have a patio where they enjoy entertaining family and friends and with their property being right on Taylor Avenue, there is no privacy.



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The board discusses the reason for the ordinance which is to keep the open park-like setting. Commissioner Clouthier points out that many fences were grandfathered in when the ordinance was created.

Commissioner Peterson states a reason for granting the variance is the traffic on Taylor Avenue. The property would have a 4 foot fence except for a portion that faces Taylor Avenue.

Commissioner Cattoi moves that the Plan Commission grant a variance to the Matsons for their plans to build this fence. It is seconded by Burks; Bagg (aye) Clouthier (aye) Fanning (aye) Steiner (aye) Peterson (abstains). The motion passes.

Commissioner Cattoi moves for adjournment and it is seconded by Burks, all are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Adjourn