

MILACA PLANNING COMMISSION

A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MILACA WAS DULY HELD ON THE 10th DAY OF APRIL 2017, AT 255 1st ST. E. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETINGS.

UPON ROLL CALL, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Scott Harlicker X Mike Cassens
Luke Kotsmith X Sherie BillingsX Arla Johnson X Pam Novak X

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Marshall Lind, Building Official/ Zoning X

Laurie Gahm, Liaison

Others Present: Lugene and LuAnn Veurink

Public Hearing – for conditional use request from Lugene and LuAnn Veurink to have an accessory structure larger than the principle building in an R-2 Zoning District

Planning Commissioner Harlicker opened the public hearing and asked for comments or questions.

Lind stated that the City did receive on letter from Jacqueline Struffert at 1321 4th Ave NE Milaca and in the letter she stated that she is not in favor of the conditional use.

Being no other comments or questions, the public hearing was closed.

The Regular Planning Commission was called to order and roll call was taken.

Motion was made by Planning Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 planning commission meeting. Second by Planning Commissioner Billings

Motion **passed** unanimously

Planning Commissioner Harlicker asked if Lind would explain the conditional use request. Lind explained that the Veurink's were applying for a conditional use to have an accessory structure larger than the principle structure. The plan submitted has 949 sq. ft. of living space and 1, 691 sq. ft. of accessory structure.

Planning Commissioner Harlicker stated that he agreed with the letter that was submitted and that the building looks like a storage building.

Planning Commissioner Kotsmith asked if that was just based off of the looks of the building.

Planning Commissioner Novak stated that with all of the houses that don't look nice in the City, that this looks like a nice building and then asked if anyone else complained.

Lind stated that letters were sent to everyone that lives within 350 ft. of this property and that the City has not received any other letters.

Planning Commissioner Kotsmith stated that it isn't a pole shed and it looks like a nice garage.

Planning Commissioner Harlicker stated that is the point, it is not supposed to look like a garage.

Veurink states that the large garage door will be 2 ft. smaller and there will be windows in the garage door.

Planning Commissioner Billings asked what the large storage space will be used for.
Mrs. Veurink stated that she has a daycare and needs storage for all of the daycare stuff.
Planning Commissioner Harlicker asked if it is just daycare stuff, can't there be a smaller garage door?
Lugene Veurink stated that would be used so they can get a camper into the structure.

Planning Commissioner Novak made the motion to approve the Conditional Use request for Leugene and LuAnn Veurink to have an accessory structure larger than the principle structure with the condition that more windows be added to the South side of the structure (street side). Planning Commissioner Billing seconded the motion.

Motion **passed** unanimously.

Other Business:

Planning Commissioner Novak stated that Foley just amended their zoning ordinance to allow chickens in the city limits. Novak asked if a person would have to pay the \$200 to have the ordinance changed.

Lind stated that if a resident want the ordinance changed they would have to apply for the ordinance change and that does cost \$200.

Planning Commissioner Novak asked if Council could change the ordinance.

Lind stated that if the Council wanted the ordinance changed that they would make a recommendation to the Planning Commission and then there would be a public hearing and Planning Commission would then make a recommendation to the City Council.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Planning Commissioner Kotsmith, second by Planning Commissioner Harlicker.

Motion **passed** unanimously

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Marshall Lind

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Zoning Administrator