

VILLAGE OF LAKE ELMO
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 24, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. Those present were Chairman Lundquist, M. Eder, D. Lyons, F. Pott, J. Raisanen.

Mr. Bob Henkelman and Mr. Loren Johnson appeared regarding a building permit for a garage at 8460 Deer Pond Trail. Since it appears that the garage must be placed closer to the road than the house, a variance would be required. They were advised to file an application for variance and get on the Council agenda for August 1st.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the PZC recommends to the Village Council that a variance for this garage be issued because:

- 1.) No other position could be found on the lot which would satisfy the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2.) Placing the garage on the proposed site (as discussed) would not detract from the aesthetics of the surrounding area.
- 3.) The garage must be well screened from the road.

The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion made and seconded that the minutes of the July 11th. meeting be approved as published. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Lundquist announced that the Park Study Committee meets on the 1st. and 3rd. Wednesday of each month--their next meeting was August 2nd. It was suggested that several members of the PZC attend the meeting to discuss the common interests of the two groups. The most recent statement of the PZC regarding parks (copy attached) was read and discussed briefly. Several members will attend the August 2nd. meeting.

The Sewer Study Committee will hold its first meeting on August 14th.. It was suggested that the members of the PZC attend one of their September meetings.

Ben Friedrich appeared to discuss a possible variance for a mobile home on the Sylvester Price property. A Mr. Carlson, who is legally blind would like to live in this mobile home and work part time for Mr. Price. Mr. Carlson has been unable to find an apartment in St. Paul where he could afford the rent and also keep his dog. Although the PZC is interested in assisting Mr. Carlson in this matter, a variance for a mobile home should be a "last resort". Those present, therefore, asked Ben Friedrich to request that Mr. Carlson appear at the next meeting to discuss the matter.

Chairman Lundquist announced that the Village Council had appointed Mrs. Kenneth Sovereign to the PZC. She has accepted the appointment but was unable to attend tonites' meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Fran Pott
Secretary

LAKE ELMO PLANNING COMMISSION

POLICY REGARDING PARK ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Selling bonds is favored as a quick way to acquire land for Village Park and Recreation purposes.
2. Initial emphasis in the Park Program should be on acquisition and not on development. This does not preclude the expenditure or small amounts of money for simple park development projects, such as softball diamonds and tennis courts.
3. Prospective park sites will be recommended in order of decreasing priority with the intention that the Village Council can decide how many dollars worth of bonds they will recommend for selling, and then go down the list to estimate how many park sites can be acquired with the available money.
4. An attempt should be made to get maximum federal and state aid for the Park acquisition program. This could amount to as much as 75% of the purchase price; but there is a lot of red tape and procedure involved, as well as delay in getting the federal and state reimbursement or share of the purchase price.
5. Condemnation should not be avoided as a fair way to settle a controversy regarding purchase price.
6. It is recommended that the proposed bond election for park acquisition not be held until soon after the first of 1971 to permit time to explain it to the people.
7. Recommended Park acquisition is as follows:
 1. A large, long park including Sunfish Lake and extending up to the County Landfill and to Lake Jane with boundaries to be determined.
 2. Reed property.
 3. Playgrounds in the Friedrichville, Tablyn Park and Demontreville areas plus the 1/2 acre site north of Olson Lake.
 4. The proposed park site northwest of Lake Demontreville.
 5. The State gravel pit.

(Part of the PZC minutes of the
Sept 21, 1970 meeting.)

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