

Planning and Zoning Commission
Minutes – May 31, 2022

The Canton Planning and Zoning Commission met at the Depot Viking Room on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 7:00pm with the following members present: Chairman Jerry Chaon, Commissioners Dave Gillespie, Tanya Iverson, and Ben Oien.

Absent: Commissioner Mike Pederson

Also present: Office Assistant Karen Leffler and Assistant Finance Officer Tiffany VanDeKieft

Visitors: Russ Townsend and Chad Skiles

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Iverson moved and Commissioner Gillespie seconded to approve the consent calendar consisting of 1) Minutes from April 26, 2022; 2) Minutes from May 26, 2022; and 3) agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

VISITORS TO BE HEARD

Chad Skiles was present to say thank you for posting the agendas on the website. He asked about the possibility of additional notifications for citizens as he saw the special meeting listed only when he was looking for the agenda for the current meeting. Assistant Finance Officer VanDeKieft mentioned that the hearing publication was in the newspaper. Commissioner Iverson suggested making a Facebook post for those special meetings that are outside the normal schedule.

OLD BUSINESS – TABLED ORDINANCE HEARING - RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL TURF

At last month's meeting, this item was tabled to make revisions to proposed Ordinance 1093 as in the City Attorney's review he recommended conditional use, therefore different chapters would be affected thus needing a new hearing publication. Commissioner Oien moved and Commissioner Iverson seconded to deny Ordinance 1093. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE HEARING - RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL TURF

This being the time and place for the ordinance hearing relating to amending the Planning & Zoning Regulations to allow for artificial turf, Chairman Chaon opened the hearing as the Planning & Zoning Board.

Chairman Chaon asked for proponents to the issue. Hearing none, Chairman Chaon asked for opponents to the issue. Hearing none, Chairman Chaon closed the hearing.

Commissioner Gillespie moved and Commissioner Oien seconded to recommend Ordinance 1094 to the City Commission for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE – CANTON SCHOOLS, LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY – ELECTRONIC SIGN

This being the time and place for the hearing for the conditional use request from Canton Schools, Lawrence Elementary for an electronic sign, Chairman Chaon opened the hearing as the Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Iverson abstained.

Russ Townsend spoke about the proposed electronic sign at 724 North Sanborn. He explained the proposed location, that it will be slightly angled as compared to the current sign & one-sided with controls for timeframe & brightness.

Chairman Chaon asked for proponents to the issue. Hearing none, Chairman Chaon asked for opponents to the issue. Hearing none, Chairman Chaon closed the hearing.

Commissioner Gillespie moved and Commissioner Oien seconded to approve the conditional use request from Canton Schools, Lawrence Elementary for an electronic sign with no additional conditions. Commissioners Gillespie, Oien, Chairman Chaon voted aye. Commissioner Iverson abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE – CANTON SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOL – ELECTRONIC SIGNS

This being the time and place for the hearing for the conditional use request from Canton Schools, High School for electronic signs, Chairman Chaon opened the hearing as the Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Iverson abstained.

Russ Townsend spoke about the proposed digital & electronic signs at 800 North Main. He explained the proposed location, that the scoreboard will have sections for sponsors that are both stationary & digital with sound built in & the possibility of instant replay. They are hoping to have it installed by fall.

Chairman Chaon asked for proponents to the issue. Hearing none, Chairman Chaon asked for opponents to the issue. Hearing none, Chairman Chaon closed the hearing.

Commissioner Oien moved and Commissioner Gillespie seconded to approve the conditional use request from Canton Schools, High School for electronic signs with no additional conditions. Commissioners Gillespie, Oien, Chairman Chaon voted aye. Commissioner Iverson abstained. Motion carried.

DIALOGUE:

It was mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for June 28th. Commissioner Gillespie asked for an update on the status of the Rutten development project. AFO VanDeKieft advised that it is paused at the moment as Rutten indicated that he is not moving forward at this time. Commissioner Oien confirmed about being able to make Facebook posts for special meetings going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Iverson moved and Commissioner Gillespie seconded to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Tiffany VanDeKieft
Assistant Finance Officer