

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Prague Planning Commission**  
**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Planning Commission Chair Bob Gilman with the following members present: Dan Meyer, John Roos, Mark Bartusek and Jay Nuhring. All members were present.

City Staff Present: Ken Ondich – Planning Director

**2. Approval of July 23, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Bartusek, seconded by Meyer, to approve the July 23, 2014 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried (5-0).

**3. Old Business**

**A. None.**

**4. New Business**

**A. Comprehensive Plan Updates – Chapter 10: Public Utilities  
City of New Prague - applicant**

Planning Director Ondich stated that he had worked with various members of the City Staff to prepare an update to Chapter 10 regarding public utilities in the City. He stated that in addition to the updated text regarding the City's sanitary sewer system, water system, storm sewer system and electric utility that he had prepared some updated maps of said systems excluding the electric utility system map which would be completed with the assistance of the electric utility department.

Dan Meyer and Jay Nuhring asked about if the electric utility has explored any alternative energy options such as wind.

Planning Director Ondich stated that he would discuss with Bruce Reimers if any alternative energy sources were considered by the City or SMMPA and put the information in the text of the plan.

The Planning Commission had no further suggested changes for the proposed Chapter 10: Public Utilities.

**B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Concept Review – Section 702 – Exterior Storage  
City of New Prague - applicant**

Planning Director Ondich stated that during the month of August City Staff sent out just over 25 letters regarding the Zoning Ordinance provision which states that in residential zoning districts you cannot store a boat or unoccupied trailer which is over 25' in length. He stated that many of those that received letters had contacted staff regarding the ordinance and some of the concerns noted included arguments and statements including: residents noting that they believed the ordinance is only for boats and unoccupied trailers and that RV's are not boats or unoccupied trailers, the zoning ordinance doesn't define what a trailer is, the ordinance does not provide a number of days or timeframe in which it is ok to load and unload a trailer, boat or RV over the maximum length, residents have argued that they don't store the items on their lots but rather continually use between Memorial Day and Labor Day and actually store the item off-site during the winter.

The Planning Commission noted that this topic has been before them previously including in the recent past concerning the placement of fish houses on lots.

Commissioner Gilman noted that maybe 8 years ago or so a resident had sought approval to build a garage to house an RV but that the zoning ordinance doesn't allow detached garages to have an opening taller than 10' which would preclude an RV to actually fit in a garage and that the City Council had not approved an amendment to allow taller doors in the past.

Planning Director Ondich stated that he was only bringing the item to the Planning Commission at this time as information as it would be brought to the City Council on September 2<sup>nd</sup> for further direction including possibly kicking the item back to the Planning Commission for further review.

**5. Miscellaneous**

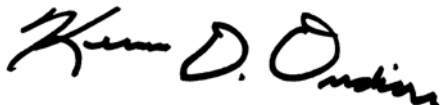
The following miscellaneous items were reviewed as information only:

- A. Monthly Business Update – Planning Director Ondich provided the Monthly Business update to the Planning Commission that had been provided to the EDA earlier in the month.

**6. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Bartusek, seconded by Roos to adjourn the meeting at 7:12PM. Motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth D. Ondich  
Planning Director