

Planning Commission Minutes
Monday, May 6, 2019
6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Vice Chair Harju called the Cokato Planning & Zoning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Council Chambers. Members present were Harju, Jones, Nelson, and Wilson. Chair Peroutka was absent. Also present were City Administrator Annita Smythe and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Nelson to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Jones. All voted aye. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing for Variance – 365 Ailie Ave

Public hearing was opened at 6:02 p.m.

Administrator Smythe gave an overview of the application, explaining that this was very similar to the variance requested by Cary and Sandy Linder last year, where the issue is the extra corner lot setback. Member Harju asked if a third garage stall was necessary. Mr. and Ms. Fiedler explained the extra garage stall was for storage of lawn implements, and would help to keep the yard free of clutter, so they felt it was necessary. Other Members commented that many of the homes in this neighborhood have three garage stalls.

There were no questions or comments from the public, and no written comments submitted.

Public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Discussion & Recommendation – Variance – 365 Ailie Ave

There was some discussion about how many additional properties are similar to these two in town, and how many more requests we might see. There are two other similarly situated lots in the Trailstone 3rd Addition on corners opposite these two. Members were not aware of any other parcels in town with similar characteristics that did not already have homes. Members did not have any additional discussion.

MOTION by Jones to recommend approval of the variance, seconded by Nelson, all voted aye. **Motion carried.**

Other Business

Smythe gave a brief update on some pending projects that may be moving forward soon, including the status of the proposed childcare facility (Heinz/Brandel), the status of a possible new pharmacy near the clinic, and the status of the solar project proposed for the NE industrial park area. There are also a handful of residential projects in discussion.

Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2019 Meeting

MOTION by Jones to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
Motion carried.

2019 Meeting Schedule

Smythe provided an updated meeting schedule, with some time adjustments due to other conflicts. Members were fine with the changes. Next meeting will be June 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn was made by Wilson, seconded by Nelson, all voted aye. **Motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest:

Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator