

***City of East Gull Lake
Planning and Zoning
Regular Meeting***

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to order

Chairman Bruce Buxton called to order the regular meeting of the City of East Gull Lake Planning and Zoning Commission at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at City Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Bruce Buxton (Chair), Commission: Marty Halvorson, Paul Tollefson, Nate Tuomi, Eunice Wiebolt, Rocky Waldin

Staff Present: City Administrator Mason, Administrative Assistant Schack

Council Liaison: Carol Demgen

Audience: Rick Braunig, MnDOT Office of Aeronautics, Brett Anderson, Mitch Brock, Doug Schieffer, David Turnberg, Nealna Gylling, Don Gylling

IV. Adoption of Agenda/Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Halvorson and seconded by Commissioner Wiebolt to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Waldin, second by Commissioner Tuomi to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, May 31, 2016 meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

VI. Public Hearings

None

VII. Open Forum

Doug Schieffer – Helipad on private property

Mr. Schieffer addressed the Commission regarding the request for the ability to land his helicopter onto his property around half a dozen times a year. He discussed the options as to where he could land on his property. He described an option of landing on a knoll on his property. He noted that another option would be to land on the roof of a newly constructed home. He also noted that if he opted to use a patio for landing, he could then move it to the garage.

Rick Braunig, MnDOT Office of Aeronautics manager of aviation safety and enforcement addressed the Commission. He noted he looked at the sight and agreed with the options presented by Mr. Schieffer. He stated that the restrictions the City chooses to place on Mr. Schieffer would be upheld by MnDOT.

Discussion ensued regarding the concern of noise and disturbance of the neighbors and the fact that this is a residential area. There was also discussion regarding the fact that there are other options for landing, such as the East Gull Lake Airport and the Brainerd Airport.

A commissioner pointed out the fact that it would be perfectly legal for him to put floaters on the helicopter and land on the lake like planes already are doing.

It was noted that the helicopter will fly in on a pre-determined day so that the neighbors can experience the noise that it makes to help them make a decision as to whether or not it would be a disturbance.

VIII. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report

A. Statistics

New Permits:	6
New Variances:	0
New Conditional Use:	0
Potential Permits:	0
Inspections	40
Completion Letters:	8
New Violations	0
Total 2019 Permits to date:	30

B. 2013 – 2018 Existing Permits Update

- One remaining open 2013 permit: Owen Trout garage
- One remaining open 2014 permit: Thomas Deans shed
- 4 remaining open 2016 permits
- 5 remaining open 2017 permits
- 30 open out of 84 total 2018 permits

Administrator Mason reviewed the inspections that took place during the last month.

IX. Old Business

A. Zoning Ordinance Update Discussion

Chair Buxton noted that the ordinance zoning section has been available online all month for the commissioners to comment. Discussion ensued regarding several of the comments that have been made over the last month. It was decided to take up next month where the discussion left off at this meeting.

X. New Business

None

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Tuomi and seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to adjourn. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Transcribed by East Gull Lake Administrative Assistant
Kathy Schack

These minutes are paraphrased and are not written word for word.