

REPORT OF CITY PLAN COMMISSION

November 16, 2020 – 6:00 PM
Zoom Conference Call Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Wiza, Alderperson Kneebone, Commissioner Cooper, Commissioner Hoppe, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Arntsen.

ALSO PRESENT: Director Kernosky, Director Kremer, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn, City Attorney Beveridge, and unidentified audience members via Virtual Zoom Meeting.

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1. Roll call.

Discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Report of the November 2, 2020 meeting of the Plan Commission
 3. Request from the City of Stevens Point to acquire an unaddressed lot on Water Street (Parcel ID 281230805410003) as part of a donation agreement
 4. Adjourn.
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1. Roll call.

Present: Wiza, Kneebone, Cooper, Rice, Hoppe, Arntsen
Excused: Haines

Discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Report of the November 2, 2020 meeting of the Plan Commission

Motion by Commissioner Cooper to approve the report of the November 2, 2020 Plan Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Arntsen.

Motion carried 6-0.

3. Request from the City of Stevens Point to acquire an unaddressed lot on Water Street (Parcel ID 281230805410003) as part of a donation agreement

Director Kernosky provided a correction that the land was off River View Avenue, not Water Street.

Mayor Wiza reminded the commission that by statute, they needed to provide a recommendation to the Common Council for any sale or acquisition of City property. The use of land or any future conditions was not under the commission's purview.

Director Kremer provided the following details:

1. Judy Groholski, owner of 9.25 acres off River View Avenue, approached the Park Department last year about donating the land for conservation in the memory of Mrs. Groholski's late husband.
2. The full 9.25 acres was slated to become a City Park named John. S. Groholski Park.
3. The Donation agreement was ready to be taken on by the Common Council.

Mayor Wiza asked Director Kremer to introduce himself to the Plan Commission, to which he provided a brief overview of his time with the City after former Park Director Schrader retired.

Mayor Wiza provided a brief overview of the City's 10-Minute Walk to the Park initiative, where the goal was for every property in the City to be no more than a 10-minute walk to a local park. The City was close to achieving this goal.

Mayor Wiza asked for comments from the audience, to which there were none.

Director Kernosky provided a site overview of the property, as well as detailed future planning documents that would need to be amended. Those documents and requests would be forthcoming.

Mayor Wiza briefly explained that while the area in question had been slated for development within the City's Comprehensive Plan, the owner of the property had made it clear that under no circumstances would it be developed for anything other than conservation.

Commissioners made the following comments:

1. Inquiry to any additional costs incurred, considering the property seemed valuable, to which staff noted that the topics of cost or any future conditions were not under the purview of the Plan Commission.
2. Statement that adding additional natural resources, especially one with wetlands, was a positive move.

Motion by Commissioner Arntsen to approve the request from the City of Stevens Point to acquire an unaddressed lot on River View Avenue (Parcel ID 281230805410003) as part of a donation agreement; seconded by Commissioner Hoppe.

Motion carried 6-0.

4. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

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