

**ELYSIAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2017**

The Elysian City Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Present were: Chairperson Shawn Anderson; Commissioners Gary Buchschacher, Dan Engebretson, Rick Galewski, Clint Stoen; Zoning Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: None.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Buchschacher, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Galewski, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented.

Kopischke reported that the City of Elysian Zoning Ordinance does not address the maximum driveway width allowed on a residential lot. During the 2016 Street and Utility Project several properties owners had requested their driveways be widened and most recently a property owner out in the Kaplan / Cedar Point addition had installed a 42-foot wide driveway. The City Engineer is recommending that a maximum driveway width be added to the zoning ordinance. His suggestion is 24-feet within the right-of-way with widening allowed from that point up to the garage. He also recommended a minimum setback of 3 or 5 feet. Examples from several cities had been obtained and were provided to the Commissioners.

It was also noted that while it is required in the City of Elysian Zoning Ordinance that: "All driveways and required off-street parking spaces shall be surfaced with concrete or bituminous", there still are quite a few dirt or grass driveways in the City. One way to begin to upgrade these properties would be to require the paving of the driveways as a condition of sale of the property. This might provide an opportunity to complete this process that would be convenient and affordable for the new homeowner.

On motion by Galewski, seconded by Stoen, all voting in favor, to table the consideration of maximum driveway widths and paving of driveways as a condition of sale of the property to the July meeting to allow for more time to consider and to gather information.

Kopischke reported the Farmers Market has started on Thursday afternoons at the Tourism Center. There have only been two or three vendors as there is not much produce available this early in the season. Engebretson questioned why there were so many rules. He felt it was too restrictive and would hinder the participation. He wondered if it couldn't be held on Wednesdays in conjunction with the Elysian Wednesday Night Roll-Ins. He would like to see more crafters being allowed and had hoped this would benefit the businesses in town. Kopischke stated she would share the ideas with the Elysian Farmers Market Committee members.

As the scheduled July Planning and Zoning Meeting would be July 4, there was Commission consensus to hold the meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

On motion by Buchschacher, seconded by Engebretson, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Attest:

Shawn Anderson, Chairperson

Lorri Kopischke, Zoning Administrator