

Minutes
Kimberly Planning Commission
April 21, 2009

Chairman Chuck Kuen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Dave Opsteen, Paul Hermes, Dean Schiesl, Norb Karner, Steve Schrieber and Duane Biese. Also present were John Schmidt representing U.S. Oil Company and Mark Boehlke representing Hoffman Corporation.

Commissioner Karner motioned to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2009 Commission meeting. Commissioner Biese seconded the motion. The Commission voted and approved the minutes unanimously.

The Commission then reviewed a Certified Survey Map defining the easement for the walking trail that abuts the vacant lot at 815 Schelfhout Lane. With little discussion the Commission approved the CSM unanimously. This was done following a motion from Commissioner Opsteen and a second from Commissioner Karner.

Before the Commission reviewed the Building Plans for the U.S. Oil project to be located at 400 Office Court John Schmidt the President of the Company thanked the Village and Commission for their patience and assistance during the planning stages of this project. Mr. Schmidt stated that the cooperation of the Village is greatly appreciated and they look forward to being part of our community. Chairman Kuen stated that the Village looks forward to having the new U.S. Oil headquarters located in our community and will continue to work with them to make it a smooth transition.

Mr. Boehlke then gave a short presentation summarizing the building plan and lighting plan, which are both designed to Leeds standards for green construction. After a short discussion the building plans were approved unanimously after a motion from Commissioner Opsteen and a second from Commissioner Hermes. The Commission then approved the lighting plan after a motion by Commissioner Schrieber and a second from Commissioner Karner. The vote of the Commission was again unanimous.

A number of concerns were raised regarding the prairie grass that is planned for the site. The Commission's list of concerns included how they will manage to keep weeds from growing in the grass, how high will the grass get, and what influence the village ordinance that regulates natural lawns will have on this project. Inspector Vander Velden stated he would research the ordinance and report back to the Commission and Village Board regarding these concerns.

After much discussion the Commission approved the Landscape Concept Plan. This was done following a motion from Commissioner Biese and a second from Commissioner Schrieber; the vote of the Commission was unanimous.

Commissioner Karner motioned for adjournment, Commissioner Hermes seconded this motion, and the Commission's vote was unanimous. The Commission adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Dave Vander Velden
Secretary, Planning Commission