

City of Winsted
Planning Commission
Council Chambers
January 14, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Present: Brian Anderson – Winsted Township Supervisor
Clem Bayerl – Winsted Township Land Owner
Frank Bayerl – Winsted Township
JoLynn Cafferty – Winsted Planning Commission
Dan Dickhausen – Winsted Planning Commission
Marvin Ebensperger – Winsted Planning Commission
Max Fasching – Winsted Planning Commission
Susan Goebel – Winsted Township Clerk
Mike Guggemos – Winsted Planning Commission

Tony Hausladen – Winsted Township
Brad Millerbernd – Winsted Business Owner
Dave Mochinski – Winsted City Council
Tom Ollig – Winsted City Council
Andrew Riemer – Winsted Citizen
Marie Riemer – Winsted Citizen
Steve Stotko – Winsted Mayor
Tom Wiemiller – Winsted City Council

Staff Present: Brent Mareck - City Administrator
Raquel Kirchoff – Administrative Assistant

- 1) Ebensperger called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- 2) **Dickhausen motioned the approval of the October 15, 2008 meeting minutes, Fasching seconded, unanimously carried.**
Fasching motioned the approval of the December 10, 2008 meeting minutes, Guggemos seconded, unanimously carried.
- 3) Public Hearings
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business

a) Future Land Use Plan – Municipal Development Group

Mareck introduced Cynthia Smith-Strack, Municipal Development Group, who is in the process of updating the City's land use plan. Smith-Strack introduced John Anderson, also from Municipal Development Group. Smith-Strack reviewed the items discussed at the previous land use planning meeting on December 10, 2008. She then asked meeting attendees to form groups and work together to answer questions regarding the things they liked about Winsted and things that they would like to see improved. Attendees also looked at maps of Winsted and discussed what changes they would like to see in future land use.

Some of the questions and their answers from the small groups are summarized below:

- 1) The following are great things about the Winsted Community...
 - The lake
 - Pride of the citizens
 - Slow and steady growth
 - Jobs-Industry
 - Airport with grass strip runway
 - Small town atmosphere
 - Residents are long term and get involved
 - Off a major road resulting in lower crime
 - Good Administrator, City Council, Police and Fire Department
 - Forward thinking
- 2) The following are things we need to work on to make Winsted better...
 - Increased traffic flow through Winsted
 - Continued growth
 - Affordable housing
 - Continue to improve the lake quality
 - Revitalize the downtown
 - Better cooperation between government and the community
 - Improvements to the sidewalk/trail system
 - Slower speed zone on County Road 1
 - Clean up properties that have been a continued mess
 - Increase overnight accommodations

3) In 2035 I want people to say those who participated in this planning effort...

- Succeeded
- Were forward thinkers/ Visionaries
- Preserved our heritage and small town feeling while allowing for growth.

4) In 2035 I want to describe Winsted to my friends as...

- A great place to raise kids
- A vibrant, diverse community with a small town feel
- Still an economically, booming community
- A suburb of Minneapolis
- A good place to call home

Smith-Strack ended the land use planning section of the meeting by having attendees participate in a visual preference survey.

b) Outdoor Storage of Vehicles

Mareck stated that the City Council had reviewed language for an ordinance that would regulate the outdoor storage of vehicles and similar devices at the January 6, 2009 regular City Council meeting. At that time, they decided to forward the proposed language for this ordinance to the Planning Commission for their review. This proposed language is as follows:

No more than four (4) vehicles or similar devices (to include campers, boats, trailers, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and other similar devices) may be parked or stored anywhere outside a residential dwelling. A vehicle or similar device placed upon a trailer shall constitute as one (1) vehicle for the purposes of this ordinance. All vehicles must be owned by the residents of the dwelling, excluding occasional guests and patrons of an approved business.

Vehicles or similar devices parked in the "front yard" area must be on a paved or gravel (not dirt or grass surface). A front yard shall constitute the area from any public street to the dwelling.

Exemptions:

Vehicles and similar devices are exempt from the "front yard" provision from November 1st through March 31st of each year. Properties zoned commercial (C1 and C2), industrial (I) and high density residential (R2).

Mareck stated that recently the City has dealt with a Winsted resident that had an excessive number of vehicles (one dozen +) parked on his property. By having the proposed ordinance adopted, the City would be able to work through these situations easier in the future.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance language and after a lengthy discussion, the majority of the Commission members decided to recommend the ordinance with a change in the number of vehicles allowed to be stored from four (4) to five (5). Dickhausen did not believe that an ordinance was needed due to the infrequency of the issue within the community.

Guggemos motioned to recommend the adoption of a new ordinance regulating the outdoor storage of vehicles with the maximum number of vehicles or similar equipment raised from four (4) to five (5). Cafferty seconded. Dickhausen opposed. Motion carried 4-1.

6) Other

7) Adjournment

Fasching motioned, Dickhausen seconded, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raquel Kirchoff
Administrative Assistant