

City of Winsted
Planning Commission
Vollmer Room
March 12, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Present: Brian Anderson – Winsted Township
JoLynn Cafferty – Winsted Planning Commission
Dan Dickhausen – Winsted Planning Commission
Marvin Ebensperger – Winsted Planning Commission
Max Fasching – Winsted Planning Commission
Mike Guggemos – Winsted Planning Commission
Will Haack – Sparrow Properties, LLC.

Tony Hausladen – Winsted Township
Jim Koch – Winsted Land Owner
Mike Laxen – Winsted Township Chairman
Bonnie Quast – Winsted City Council
Steve Stotko – Winsted Mayor
Greg Vennes – Midwest Capital Properties

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 February 11, 2009 meeting minutes, Guggemos seconded, unanimously carried.**
- 3) Public Hearings
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business

a) Future Land Use Plan – Municipal Development Group

- i.) Cynthia Smith-Strack and John Anderson, Municipal Development Group, were present to review the Draft Land Use Plan Update Narrative and the Future Land Use Map that they are in the process of updating for the City of Winsted. Smith-Strack led those in attendance through the 49 page narrative, page by page to receive their input and document the changes they requested.
- ii.) Anderson presented the Future Land Use Map that included areas already defined for their use and other areas that needed definition during the meeting. After lengthy discussion, the map was created into a draft that, in general, included most of the newly defined commercial/industrial use areas to be in the south and western section and the north eastern portion of the map to have most of the newly defined residential use areas. Smith-Strack stated that Municipal Development Group would make the changes to the map and send the updated map to Mareck before the next meeting for distribution. At the next meeting, scheduled for April 8, 2009, the map would again be reviewed before it is presented to the general public for comment.

Mareck reminded the group that this was a draft version of the map and that it could be changed. He encouraged others to inform property owners that were not present at this meeting to attend in the future to give their input during these early stages of the map development.

b) Sign Ordinance Review

The Commission reviewed the proposed changes to the sign ordinance. They requested that when signs were removed by the City due to an ordinance violation, the City should wait thirty (30) days, rather than the proposed seven (7) days, before disposing of the signs. They also requested that two (2) temporary real estate signs be allowed in the front yard of a property, rather than one.

Fasching motioned to recommend the approval of the draft sign ordinance that includes the changes requested and to forward the ordinance to the City Council for the scheduling of a Public Hearing on the matter; Cafferty seconded; unanimously carried.

- 6) Other
- 7) Adjournment

Guggemos motioned, Cafferty seconded, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raquel Kirchoff
Administrative Assistant