

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City of Avon Planning Commission meeting was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Katie Reiling, Rick Fischbach, Mary Sieben, Ed Dunn

ABSENT: Jeff Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2012**

*Motion was made by Ed Dunn to approve the minutes as written, second by Rick Fischbach, all in favor and carried.*

### **MAIN STREET SIGN**

The owner of MG3 Resale was present at the Planning Commission meeting to talk about their plans for a sign on Main Street. MG3 Resale would like to put up a sign so people are able to find their business off of Main Street. They are in the process of putting up a 8 X 3 sign in front of the Stonehouse building which is where their business is located. They are also going to put a 4 X 8 sign on the building facing the freeway. They stated that it would be nice to have a permanent sign on the pole by the police building so people are able to find the street that they are located on. The Planning Commission presented the idea of possibly putting up a sign on the building or on a separate pole not within the right of way of any street or possibly put directions on the sign that is viewed from I- 94 that says turn at the 2<sup>nd</sup> right in town and possibly eliminate the need for a sign on Main Street. The planning commission could not think of any other instances where there are private signs that are placed within the right-of-way except for Thompsons Greenhouse and the signs by Fleet Farm that advertise the service center. The Planning Commission reiterated that signs are not allowed in the City of Avon or Stearns County public right-of-way.

Recommendation is to allow MG3 Resale to keep the A-frame sign up until January 7, 2013. At that time, they will need to remove the A-frame sign. The Planning Commission will not allow any signs to be place within the public right-of-way.

### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT-BILL KELLY/AVON TIRE & AUTO**

Mayor Grutsch updated the Planning Commission on the sale of the property at 102 First St. NE. The Planning Commission discussed the current Conditional Use Permit that was issued in May of 2009 to Zimmer's, the previous owners of this property. Bill Kelly of Avon Tire and Auto has recently purchased this property. The current zoning of this property is C-1 which does not allow for the display of vehicles for sale. The future land use zoning map lists 75% of this property as Park and 25% of this property as Commercial. Mr. Kelly will need to update the Conditional Use Permit as the 2009 Conditional Use Permit states that the permit is non-transferrable. The Planning

Commission will possibly add language to the Conditional Use Permit regarding placing a setback from the public right-of-way for safety issues regarding snow plowing during the winter months. They would also like to get an idea of what Mr. Kelly's intent is for the future use of this property. There will be no issue with the County regarding the placement of vehicles for sale near the Wobegon Trail. Amy Pease will send a letter to Mr. Kelly advising him of the need for a new/updated Conditional Use Permit.

### **STREET ACCESS LANGUAGE**

Ed Dunn noted a few changes to the wording in the street access permit process. Amy Pease noted the change from bituminous to hard surface under type of surface material and also the addition of the job titles instead of specific individuals names. These changes will be made and presented to the City Council for approval to be inserted in the Zoning Ordinance.

### **FUTURE LAND USE MAP/MAP UPDATES**

The Planning Commission will begin to review the current and future zoning maps at the January Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission will go through all of the maps and rezoning documents and make sure all changes/corrections are made.

The meeting was closed at 8:10 p.m

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Pease