

Minutes  
Silver Lake Planning Commission  
January 11, 2022  
Silver Lake Auditorium

Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Commissioner Michelle Schneider, Commissioner Josh Winfrey, Commissioner Amy Penaz, Commissioner Ryan McDonald, Commissioner Neil Syvertson

Members absent: Commissioner Sarah Kahn

Others present: Diane Pedersen, City Clerk/Treasurer, James Nowak

*Motion by McDonald second by Syvertson to approve the consent agenda. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.*

#### Public Comment

1. Josh Winfrey – introduction of new Commissioner and Council Liaison Schneider.
2. Jim Nowak – LED sign
  - a. The ordinance regarding the size of the sign needs to be reviewed to make sure it is being followed.
  - b. The city will need to annually renew the sign permit with the State of Minnesota.
  - c. MNSPECT is requiring an engineered drawing of the sign per MN State Code. The cost for an engineered drawing is \$5,000 and is a hinderance to moving forward with the sign.
  - d. Commissioner McDonald is going to show the sign prints to an engineer he knows and see if it is possible to get an engineered drawing at a lower cost.
  - e. The proposed sign is 22 feet tall, 80 square feet per side. City Ordinance states that a sign cannot be more than 100 square feet per side, so size should be ok.

#### Old Business

1. MNTAP Discussion
  - a. MNTAP works with cities to develop “Green” ideas. The ideas they give are recommendations, the city is not held to doing anything MNTAP suggests.
    - i. One area the council would like to planning commission to work on is the location of the snow pile in the winter. What can be done to preserve the water quality of the lake in regard to the salt and sand in the snow piled next to it.
      1. Michelle will contact Public Works Supervisor Dale Kosek to see if he was contacted by someone offering another location for the snow pile.
      2. In the spring there are issues with the snow that has been piled by the ball fields melting and causing water issues on the field when the spring seasons have started.
  - b. A good starting point is to find out what the salt concentration is in the snow pile that melts off into the lake to determine if this is really an issue or not.
  - c. MNTAP did state that they could help with acquiring grants for projects the city would like to pursue.

- d. Mr. Nowak will move forward with getting bids for the various parts of the sign once the engineered drawing is figured out.
  - e. AJ Forcier will prepare graphics for the sign when we are ready for that.
2. Century Lane and County Road 92 Annexation – David Broll –
- a. The City Council has given approval to start the annexation process for four lots on the corner of Century and County Road 2. This process will move forward. Any concerns with the size of any of these four lots are concerns the developer has to deal with. It is his responsibility to make sure that a house can fit on the lot with the proper setbacks.
  - b. The agreement between David Broll and the City has been reviewed and it is agreed that it is valid for moving forward with phase III of Silver Edge Estates. The plan is to divide this phase into two sections and begin with the section including Noble Ave which runs parallel to Century and will connect to the dead-end road that is already there.
3. American Rescue Plan Act Funding Idea possibilities:
- a. Tourism Ideas
    - i. Winter Carnival
      - 1. Ice Sailing Races – never came out this winter.
      - 2. Ice Golf
        - a. Saturday, February 19, 2022
  - b. Campground
    - i. Councilor Winfrey will help with this, but someone else will need to take the lead.
  - c. Extending city fiber to pool and possibly other areas such as Public Works.
    - i. Free public WiFi at pool and campground
    - ii. WiFi available for new LED sign
    - iii. Would make WiFi available for lift station
      - 1. Someone needs to research where the WIFI would be placed and how it would get there, overhead or underground. Michelle will connect with Dale.
  - d. Warning System
    - i. Is there an area of town where a tornado warning siren is needed?
      - 1. Not sure where they are currently located. Possibly one by the lake and one by the ball field. Michelle will connect with Dale to determine where current warning systems are located. May possibly be needed in the area of the new developments. There are no federal or state regulations as to where a town needs to have sirens located.

#### New Business

- 1. Three meeting dates in 2022 (March 8, August 9, and November 8) fall on election nights and will have to be changed. Those changes will be handled when they come up.

#### Open Discussion - None

*Motion by McDonald second by Syvertson to adjourn. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.*