

VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 10, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman G. Nickerson at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall.
2. Roll call was taken with the following present:
Committee Members: Chair G. Nickerson, M. Radomski, M. Schreiber and A. Mull.
Village Clerk: R. Bagley
Absent: Commissioners C. Schafer and N. Treder.
Others Present: Building Inspector S. Johnson
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of April 12, 2016 Plan Commission meeting minutes.
Motion by A. Mull, seconded by M. Radomski, to approve the April 12, 2016 Plan Commission meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

5. Review/update Village Zoning and/or Municipal Code issues regarding:
 - A. Garages/Accessory Garages/Sheds
 - B. Electronic Signs/ Signs in general
 - C. Chickens in Village

Signs: The Commissioners reviewed the current zoning regulations regarding signs in Section 8: Signs and Outdoor Lighting. Municipalities can no longer regulate the type of signs by categorizing them or regulating the content of the sign. Some of the characteristics of the signs which can be regulated are the size, location, lighted and unlighted signs, placement and number of signs, among other issues. In the future, the regulation of signs should be based only on physical characteristics and not on content-based distinctions. Section 8.3 sign categories will have to be reviewed. Information regarding Electronic signs will need to be added. Additional research will be necessary in order to revise Section 8.

Chickens: Sample ordinances from surrounding municipalities who allow chickens were reviewed. One Village resident has suggested that chickens should be allowed in the Village. The Commissioners cannot determine if the interest is great enough to create a village-wide ordinance.

Garages/Accessory Garages/ Sheds:

M. Schreiber has reviewed surrounding municipal regulations regarding garages, accessory garages and sheds and cannot find any consistency among municipalities. Definitions should be created to describe the difference between sheds and accessory buildings, mainly based on size. The Building Inspector and Village Clerk will draft some definitions for the next meeting. The consensus is to allow only one accessory structure per lot.

6. **Motion by M. Schreiber, seconded by A. Mull, to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Bagley, Clerk