

VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman G. Nickerson at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall.
2. Roll call was taken with the following present:
Committee Members: Chair G. Nickerson, Trustee D. Stellpflug, M. Radomski, N. Treder, M. Schreiber and A. Mull.
Village Clerk: R. Bagley
Absent: Commissioner C. Schafer
Others Present: Building Insp. S. Johnson, Eric Schwartz and 8-10 others.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of May 12, 2020 Plan Commission meeting minutes.
Motion by M., seconded by A. Mull, to approve the May 12, 2020 Plan Commission meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Draft Isolated Natural Resource Areas and Environmental Corridor Guidelines for development.
Commissioner M. Radomski prepared some draft guidelines intended for areas to be preserved, protected, enhanced and restored while affording an opportunity to allow for development for residential purposes. The guidelines are basically prepared to protect the 26 acres behind the Prairie View School. He used existing information from Ferris Fields Subdivision and Waukesha County Parks and Land Use.
Building Inspection S. Johnson cautioned that if a home is built in the back of a parcel due to topography, the length of the driveway could utilize the majority of the 20,000 sq. ft. of the total lot disturbance. Verbiage could be added to increase the sq. ft. of lot disturbance with Plan Commission approval.
M. Schreiber was concerned about removing trees to construct roads with no guidelines for that. M. Radomski stated that the Plan Commission will have an opportunity to review the impact of the development prior to approval. This topic will continue to be discussed at the next meeting.
6. Mr. Schwartz's proposal to amend the current driveway requirements for paving driveways.
Eric Schwartz presented a proposal to amend the current driveway requirements to allow driveways constructed of concrete material to be permitted to extend from the principal structure to 4 (four) feet towards the property owners side from the public street. The 4 (four) foot section from the highway pavement to the concrete portion of the driveway is necessary for future highway resurfacing and blending to resident's driveway to maintain a proper slope for entrance. The 4 (four) foot area can be constructed of asphalt, pavers or traffic bond. Concrete driveways shall not be installed in the public right-of-way unless in a curb and gutter situation in which case the driveway approach and driveway may be concrete or asphalt.
Chairman G. Nickerson stated that Village Attorney J. Macy advised that consideration needs to be given as to what the responsibility of the Village will be for replacement of that portion of the driveway in the right-of-way when a road project is done.

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M. Radomski asked who makes the decision if a culvert needs to be replaced. G. Nickerson mention the Department of Public Works would make that decision due to drainage. D. Stellpflug suggested that 4 feet may not be enough to blend with the street. M. Radomski mentioned that it should be stated that it will be the responsibility of the property owner to cover all costs of culvert repair. The Clerk will create a draft ordinance for this issue for the next meeting.

7. Proposal to allow chickens in the Village of North Prairie.

Eric Schwartz suggested using the recent ordinance adopted by the Village of Pewaukee as a sample of how the Village could create an ordinance for the keeping of domesticated chickens. He brought the issue up on the Neighborhood Next Door App and found lots of interest in keeping chickens.

M. Schreiber asked if 4 chickens would be enough as listed in the sample ordinance. Other ordinances seem very vague compared to the Pewaukee ordinance.

One resident suggested 5 chickens would be nice. The sample ordinance states the minimum lot size required would be $\frac{1}{4}$ acre to keep chickens as well as the chicken structure must be at least 50 feet from a neighboring principal residence.

Chairman G. Nickerson suggested that $\frac{1}{4}$ acre to 1 acre parcels- up to 4 domesticated chickens may be permitted and parcels over 1 acre – up to 6 domesticated chickens will be permitted. After further discussion, the Clerk was advised to create a draft ordinance for possible addition to the Municipal Code in Village format for the next meeting.

8. **Motion by M. Schreiber, seconded by N. Treder, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Bagley, Clerk