

VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE  
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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, A. Mull and M. Schreiber.  
Village Clerk: R. Bagley  
Absent: Commissioners C. Schafer and N. Treder  
Others Present: P. Heinowski, Jacki Lewis and Building Inspector S. Johnson.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of July 9, 2019 Plan Commission meeting minutes.  
**Motion by D. Stellpflug, seconded by M Radomski, to approve the July 9, 2019 Plan Commission meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Request by Village resident to amend Chapter 70 Zoning of the Municipal Code of the Village of North Prairie, Section 7.4 Accessory Use Regulations G. Fences (2) to allow residential fences along street yards.  
**Motion by G. Nickerson, seconded by M. Schreiber, to open the meeting to Village resident Paula Heinowski. Motion carried.**  
Ms. Heinowski stated that she lives on a corner lot at Karin Drive and Christopher Drive. According to the Village zoning code, a fence is not allowed along a street yard and she would like to install a four foot fence 26 feet past the garage and then along Christopher Drive which is the side-yard to keep her dog in the yard. The current ordinance would allow the fence to be installed almost down the middle of the backyard. She feels the current fence regulations are very confusing. She presented a photo of an existing wooden fence along a street yard and it was determined to have been installed 30 years ago, prior to the adoption of the zoning ordinance.  
M. Schreiber states that the Plan Commission cannot allow the fence without amending the Zoning Code. The Commissioners checked the definition of an ornamental fence, but a chain link fence would not fall under that category. The consensus of the Plan Commissioners is to amend the Zoning Code to allow some type of fencing along street side yards for the benefit of all Village residents. Research will need to be completed with the Building Inspector possibly providing some sample ordinances from other municipalities. Chair G. Nickerson explained the process to amend the Zoning code.  
No action was taken.
6. Informal presentation regarding the Mukwonago River Initiative.  
Jacki Lewis, member of the Mukwonago River Initiative (MRI) and landowner along the Jericho Creek, presented some facts regarding sustaining the quality of water in Jericho Creek. The creek currently contains 33 species of fish along with exceptional water quality. The MRI members are requesting that the Village Plan Commission and Village Board continually update the Comprehensive Plan and zoning codes to

protect the watershed. The information which was provided contains suggested language for any updates to protect the water system.

Chair G. Nickerson suggested that this could be an October agenda item to review some of the items provided.

7. **Motion by M. Radomski, seconded by M Schreiber, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda Bagley, Clerk