

AMERY PLAN COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
August 29, 2019

The Plan Commission for the City of Amery met on August 29, 2019 at City Hall in the Committee Meeting Room. Chairperson, Michael Karuschak, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson, Mike Karuschak, Jr.; Mayor, Paul Isakson; Members – Stan Proden; Julie Riemenschneider; Fran Hawksford and Linda Millermon.

Excused: None.

Staff present: City Administrator, Kim Moore; City Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund and Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk, Ben Jansen.

Others present: Scott Lee – Partner Properties, LLC; Ed Flanum, Surveyor and other members of the public.

Public Hearing for the possible rezone of Lot 4 on Staffenson Street from R-1 to R-2.

Chairperson, Karuschak, Jr. directed Scott Lee to discuss his proposal of the use of the lot in question. He stated that he had no definite plans in place yet, however; he is interested in building 1 – 2 duplexes on that lot. He would propose to rent to individuals or families for rent of \$1,000 - \$1,200. He noted that the duplexes would be one-level and nicely done. If the duplexes aren't built he may do a few single-family homes there.

Questions from adjoining property owners took place as well as other members of the public. Their concerns were drafted on a petition as well. They were concerned about reduction in property values, maintaining the light traffic on the dead-end road. Maintaining the investments already made in their properties. Increased usage of the city lift station and discrepancies in what was stated in the notice that was sent to current residents to what had been stated verbally to the neighbors. Mr. Lee interjected that he does not want to harm the neighborhood and he would be building nice duplexes with decent renters. He may even sell them to individuals who would like to live there permanently. He also noted that he used to work for the city, and he doesn't see the lift station having issues with more use. A few members of the audience would like to see more options made available for seniors.

Chairperson, Mike Karuschak, Jr. asked to close the public hearing discussion on rezone of Lot 4 on Staffenson Street from R-1 to R-2.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:45 a.m.

The Plan Commission discussed all information presented. Chairperson, Karuschak, Jr. would like to see proper plans for what Mr. Lee desires. The Plan Commission could then make a decision based on Mr. Lee's request.

Motion by Member, Riemenschneider to table discussion until such time Mr. Lee brings for review plans for use of the property in question. Motion seconded by Member, Proden.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Dick’s Fresh Market addition of a food and coffee area to the west side of their store was discussed. The property plan was reviewed and approved by Director of Public Works, Allen McCarty; Fire Chief, Dale Koehler; Police Chief, Tom Marson; Building Inspector, Craig Moriak and Zoning Administrator, Kim Moore.

Motion by Mayor, Isakson to approve the addition to the west side of Dick’s Fresh Market. Motion seconded by Member, Millermon.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Member, Riemenschneider and seconded by Mayor, Isakson to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Ayes - 6 Nays - 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Bjorklund, WCMC/CMC/CMTW
City Clerk-Treasurer
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