CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
ST. PAUL PARK, MINNESOTA

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, February 11, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Dingle

Members present: Dan Dingle, Doug Pierro, Sharon Whitmore, Jeff Fischer, Patrick Downs
Also present: Council Liaison Sandi Dingle

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Fischer, second by Pierro to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Commission Actions:

REVIEW REQUEST

A. Lily Hansen, 1537 10th Avenue, St. Paul Park MN 55071 – Variance request to allow for the installation of solar panels on a street facing roof.

Council Liaison Dingle stated she drove by the residence. In reviewing the ordinance and recalling when the ordinance was changed, it does require solar panels not be street facing so as not to create a glare. The garage has a low pitch roof and wouldn't create a glare issue; the system is flush mount so it should blend well. A variance can be requested if there are practical difficulties that include inadequate access to direct sunlight. The way the house is positioned, along with trees in back yard, front facing would be the only place for the system. They do meet the criteria and it would be appropriate to move forward with a public hearing. The surrounding neighbors will be notified and can be heard at the public hearing if they have any issues with the aesthetic aspects.

Commission member Whitmore concurred with Council Liaison Dingle's comments.

Motion by Whitmore, second by Fischer to recommend Council set Public Hearing dates for Lily Hansen's variance request to allow for the installation of solar panels on a street facing roof of March 11 for the Planning Commission and March 18 for City Council. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Tina Lockner, Miramac Properties, 10129 Powers Lake Trail, Woodbury MN 55129 – CUP request to allow for the construction of a garage on a non-conforming single family residential lot at 610 4th Street.

Council Liaison Dingle stated she drove by this property as well. It's a single family home being improved. The only reason for a CUP is because the home is in light industrial zoning. There is plenty of room for the garage and required setbacks are met. This request would also be appropriate to move forward for a public hearing.

Commission member Fischer stated he is familiar with the property and agreed with Council Liaison Dingle's comments.

Motion by Fischer, second by Pierro to recommend Council set Public Hearing dates for Miramac Properties CUP request to allow for the construction of a garage on a non-conforming single family residential lot at 610 4th Street of March 11 for the Planning Commission and March 18 for City Council. Motion carried 5-0.
**New Business:** None

**Staff Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

Meeting adjourned 7:12 p.m.