PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, March 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 Downs, second by Fisher to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Commission Actions:

REVIEW REQUEST

A. St. Paul Park Refining Company, 301 St Paul Park Road, St Paul Park MN 55071 – CUP to construct a 39.5’ air cooler structure within refinery property.

Consulting Planner Sparks stated that the CUP request for 301 St Paul Park Road, air cooling tower structure. Sparks advised the commission members as in the past there are diagrams showing what the SDA tanks currently look like and what the new tanks will look like. Sparks asked the commission if there was more information needed before it goes to the public hearing. Sparks concluded the application was complete and acceptable.

Downs inquired as to why the tanks were needed to cool the product. Greg Shafer project manager from St Paul Park Refinery, 301 St Paul Park Road informed commission members that the product coming off the unit is very hot; therefore the above ground storage tanks are permitted by the MPCA which dictates the maximum temperature, air quality and vapors to enter the tanks. They need to stay compliant with the MPCA.

Dingle asked Schafer about the noise factors to the fans. Schafer indicated there are two air coolers next to one another which are enclosed in a shoe box structure and the fans can't be heard.

Motion by Whitmore, second by Fischer to recommend Council set Public Hearing dates St. Paul Park Refining Company, 301 St Paul Park Road, St Paul Park MN 55071 – CUP to construct a 39.5’ air cooler structure within refinery property of April 8 for the Planning Commission and April 15 for City Council. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Consulting Planner Sparks explained the reason for the panels was 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. Sparks recommend that the commission move forward with the variance per the request as all the criteria has been met.

Brian Allen Vice President of All Energy Solar, 1640 Carol Ave St Paul MN. Allen requested that it would be beneficial in the future that the city reviews the ordinance for front/street facing solar panels. Solar panels should be installed where it's most efficient.
Motion by Whitmore, second by Downs to recommend Council approve Lily Hansen’s variance request to allow for the installation of solar panels on a street facing roof. 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.

Sparks stated the CUP was for a garage that was 20x22, which would exit off the alley. Sparks stated that there was no variance needed. He recommends that staff approve the CUP request.

Motion by Downs, second by Whitmore to recommend Council approve Miramac Properties CUP request to allow for the construction of a garage on a non-conforming single family residential lot at 610 4th Street. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: None

Staff Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

Meeting adjourned 7:19 p.m.