

CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN

MAY 6, 2019 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Plan Commission was held Monday, May 6, 2019, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to order/Roll Call: Mayor Hovel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Steve Eggers, Connie Wenzel, Rob Daugherty, Kyle Warp, Lothar Nawrocki and Dan Finley. Todd Dolan was excused. City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Daugherty/Finley motion to approve the minutes for March 4, 2019 passed without a negative voice vote.

Eggers/Finley motion to open public hearing for special use permit for School District of Prescott, Crazy about Baseball Company for 265 Flora Street South, currently used as a baseball field. Request is to add improvements, signage, lighting, additional parking and alcohol sales passed without a negative voice vote.

Dallas Eggers, President for Crazy about Baseball (CAB) presented the plans for the baseball field. Phase one of the project is placing signs on the fence. The wind screen which is normally on the fence has to be replaced every 3 to 4 years at the cost of \$10,000. The signs also set up a stable funding source for CAB. The scoreboard was dead and needed to be replaced so this was done as part of phase one. Phase two would be putting in a 20 X 30 foot concession stand and replacing the bleachers with a grand stand. There would be room for seating 100 and 80 for standing. Phase three will be lights on the field and bathrooms. Dallas stated CAB will not borrow any money to do any of the projects so if funds can't be raised then the next phases will not happen. Mary Wolfe, resident of 680 Walnut Street stated she feels their home is probably impacted most by the baseball field. Mary stated she doesn't like the signs in the residential area. She would like to see the signs removed during the winter. Mary read from the zoning ordinances in regards to zoning is there to protect the beauty of the neighborhood and Prescott. Mary stated she doesn't trust the CAB because of what they have already done with putting up the signs and she doesn't support their project. Mary stated she feels the value of their property will go down with the baseball field. Bill Frey, Walnut Street resident also stated their home is impacted by the baseball field. Bill stated they understood when they purchased their home the baseball field was already there. Bill expressed concerns about the resell of his property. Bill stated the buildings could be improved and is good with the concession stands. He would like to know how tall the concession stands and grandstand is proposed to be. Bill stated he doesn't want to have their view blocked from being able to watch the games. Bill did express concerns about when the lights come in. Bill has concern about people staying later and would like to see alcohol sales start ½ hour before game starts and ends at the beginning of the seventh inning. He also asked when the lights go in if a time can be set and then reviewed after a year to see how it is working out. Bill also asked if Walnut Street from Flora Street to Gibbs Street could be barricaded for all baseball games including the Pirates. Bill also stated he would not like to see the old sign from the Intermediate School placed on the corner of Flora and Walnut just do to the site line. Charles Wolfe, 680 Walnut, stated he had a little bit different view of baseball than his wife. Charles did ask about the bus garages need remediation and painted. Charles also stated he has concerns about what the backside of the signs look like. Dallas Eggers stated they are in favor of the barricades being put up for all games. Dallas also stated that Pirate games start at 7:00 pm. Dallas also stated the bus garage buildings belong to the School District and will be painted this year and they are also looking at putting murals on the back of the buildings.

Warp/Nawrocki motion to close the public hearing passed without a negative voice vote.

Commissioner Kyle Warp stated he feels everybody needs to be out by a specific time and that this needs to be enforced. Commissioner Steve Eggers stated he would like to see that there is signage for when the park closes. Commissioner Rob Daugherty asked about how the alcohol is going to be contained. Commissioner Warp also asked about parking. Dallas Eggers stated there will be additional parking off of Young Street near center field. Dallas stated they hosted a regional playoff and were able to provide all the parking which was needed for that game. Dallas also stated the grandstand and concession stand will be no taller than the current building and bleachers. The concession stand and grandstand will be in approximately the same footprint as the existing.

Finley/Daugherty motion to recommend approval of the special use permit for School District of Prescott, Crazy About Baseball Company contingent on the following: signage on the fence needs to have the backs more aesthetically pleasing, alcohol will need to be served in a controlled area and a timeline for serving will be set, parking will need to be expanded to the center field no later than the starting of phase 2 of the project, barricades will be placed on Walnut Street from Flora Street to Gibbs Street for all games and a schedule of games will be provided to emergency services (Police, fire and EMS), signage with closing time of the park, elevation drawing of buildings, Plan Commission and Council approval before any buildings are put in, location and height of the sign from the Intermediate School needs to be approved by city staff and/or Mayor passed without a negative voice vote.

Other Business:

City staff informed the Commission about what is being done regarding retaining walls which have fallen due to the major rainfall. Staff is working on the public walls to try and get the courtesy dock open. The private wall which partially fell will be their responsibility.

Eggers/Nawrocki motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator