

**CITY OF COHASSET
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE, COHASSET, MINNESOTA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Co-Chair Steve Otto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Welcome new Planning Commissioner Lucas Thompson**

3. **Roll Call**

a. **Voting Members Present:** Josh Casper, Steve Otto, Steve Lavalier, Lucas Thompson, and Harlow Zeppelin

b. **Absent with Notice:** Leslie Kleveter and Gary Wheelock

c. **Ex-Officio Members Present:** Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle

d. **Others Present:** Rian Reed, DNR

4. **Review and Approve the Agenda**

a. **Additions:** None

b. **Deletions:** None

A motion was made by Casper/Lavalier to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor: Casper, Otto, Lavalier, Thompson, & Zeppelin; Voting against: None; Absent: Kleveter and Wheelock; Motion carried.

5. **Elect Officers for 2020**

a. Chair: *A motion was made by Casper/Lavalier to nominate Steve Otto as Planning Commission Chair. Voting in favor: Casper, Otto, Lavalier, Thompson, & Zeppelin; Voting against: None; Absent: Kleveter and Wheelock; Motion carried.*

b. Vice-Chair: *A motion was made by Wheelock/Zeppelin to nominate Josh Casper as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission. Voting in favor: Casper, Otto, Lavalier, Thompson, & Zeppelin; Voting against: None; Absent: Kleveter and Wheelock; Motion carried.*

6. **Resident Input:** None

7. **Approve February 5, 2020 PC Minutes:** *A motion was made by Casper/Zeppelin to approve the February 5, 2020 Planning Commission minutes as written. Voting in favor: Casper, Otto, Lavalier, Thompson, & Zeppelin; Voting against: None; Absent: Kleveter and Wheelock; Motion carried.*

8. **Public hearing to consider recommending the City Council amend Zoning Ordinance section 10.064 regarding reclassification of Tioga Mine Pit Lake and section 10.073 regarding setbacks for recreational structures on Tioga Mine Pit Lake.**

Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle summarized the informational packet including maps and the proposed amendments. The proposal is for Tioga Pit Lake to be reclassified from Natural Environment to Recreational Development which would lower the lake setback from 150 feet to 100 feet and further allow public recreation facilities at a setback of 75 feet rather than 100 feet

provided natural vegetation is maintained in the Shore Impact Zone consistent with zoning ordinance section 10.083 F.1.b.

After discussion, Vice-Chair Steve Otto called three time for anyone in favor of the proposed amendments to come forward. There was no response. Otto called three times for anyone opposed to the proposed amendments to come forward. There was no response.

After further discussion, Otto closed the public portion of the meeting. *A motion was made by Lavalier/Casper to approve the proposed amendments as outlined in number eight. Voting in favor: Casper, Otto, Lavalier, Thompson, & Zeppelin; Voting against: None; Absent: Kleveter and Wheelock; Motion carried.* It was noted that the amendments will allow trail head improvements. This item will now go before Cohasset City Council for approval

9. FYI:

- a. **Com Plan Update:** Harlow Zeppelin attended the Comp Plan Update meeting and reported that the response was low.
- b. **Ordinance Change – vegetative removal:** Reviewed.
- c. **Updated Zone District Map:** The map was reviewed and approved.

Co-Chair Steve Otto adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 5/6/2020