

**CITY OF COHASSET
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE, COHASSET, MINNESOTA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Co-Chair Steve Otto called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

- a. **Voting Members Present:** Lesley Kleveter, Steve Lavalier, Steve Otto, and Gary Wheelock
- b. **Absent with Notice:** Steve Brown, Josh Casper, and Johnnie Fulton
- c. **Ex-Officio Members Present:** Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle, and City Council Liaison Jason Tabaka and Mary Flinck (slightly late due to train)
- d. **Others Present:** Kayleigh Svoboda

3. **Review and Approve the Agenda**

- a. **Additions:** None
- b. **Deletions:** None

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

4. **Resident Input:** None

5. **Review and Approve Planning Commission Minutes of June 5, 2019:** *A motion was made by Lavalier/Wheelock to approve the June 5, 2019 Planning Commission minutes as written. Voting in favor: Kleveter, Lavalier, Otto, and Wheelock; Voting against: None; Absent: Brown, Casper, and Fulton; Motion carried.*

6. **Consider amending zoning ordinance section 10.030 definitions – home occupation I to allow a two square foot sign containing the name of the business (ordinance maximum is one square foot.)** Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle summarized the information provided. Kayleigh Svoboda has opened a home business at 125 Riverside Avenue in Cohasset, MN (Riverside Massage & Yoga Studios.) Svoboda wishes to erect a two x four foot square sign to advertise the business and currently the ordinance limits signs to one square foot.

After discussion, a motion was made by Kleveter/Wheelock to recommend to City Council to amend Zoning Ordinance Section 10.030 Definitions – Home Occupation to allow a six square foot sign. Voting in favor: Kleveter, Lavalier, Otto, and Wheelock; Voting against: None; Absent: Brown, Casper, and Fulton; Motion carried.

FYI:

- a) **Animal Control Ordinance Update:** The animal control ordinance was recently updated. The Tioga Recreation Area was not included in the ordinance as the DNR informed the City we do not have the right to regulate this area.
- b) **Benson Bog Days 2019:** The Benson Bog Days event was the biggest ever with over 500 attendees. The event brought a lot of business into Casey's General Store.
- c) **Comp Plan Update:** Steering Committee meetings are underway and survey questions are being compiled.
- d) **Houseboats:** There is a houseboat ordinance in place and there are also violations, but the City is having difficulties with enforcement. There have been several complaints and the City will continue to pursue enforcement.

Co-Chair Steve Otto adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair
Approved: 9/4/2019