

PLAN COMMISSION

City of Kaukauna
Council Chambers
Municipal Services Building
144 W. Second Street, Kaukauna



Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Roll Call.

Members present: Michael Avanzi (via call-in), Giovanna Feller, John Moore, DPW John Neumeier, Mayor Tony Penterman, Ken Schoenike

Member(s) absent: Pennie Thiele

Other(s) present: AP Lily Paul, PCDD Joe Stephenson, Brian Roebke, Times Villager.

Moore made a motion to excuse the absent member(s). DPW Neumeier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes.

- a. Approve Minutes from April 6, 2023 Meeting

Feller made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2023 Meeting. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business.

There was no old business.

4. New Business.

- a. Park Concept – Parcel 030067904; Corner of CTH CE and HH

AP Lily presented a park concept on the lot described. The park featured a crushed gravel path around the perimeter of the 0.91 acre parcel. The center of the park would be mounded up from the path fill to create a meadow with native plantings. This park would be used to create a unique concept: a Food Forest. Apple trees, Mulberry trees, and raspberry plants could be planted to attract people to it, use it as an educational aspect, and offer volunteer opportunities. There was concern on the maintenance of the trees and bushes. Staff reminded the commission that this is supposed to be a low maintenance park, and over grown/forest appearance is the aesthetic they are looking for.

Neumeier made a motion to let members from the public speak. Schoenike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Roebke stated that this plan is fantastic, and offered advice that a local tree farm could come maintain the plants.

There was question if there is a need for a park. The owner of the property has struggled to build a duplex on the lot. Staff is searching for the highest and best use for the property, and a duplex is not it. This concept would encourage a sidewalk on Debruin Road to Ann Street, which would offer a major connection for the residents in that area to the CE trail.

DPW Neumeier made a motion to direct staff to research other low maintenance plants and bring an adjust plan back to the Planning Commission. Mayor Penterman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Closed Session.

- a. Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) to discuss acquisition of future park land

A motion was made by Moore to adjourn into closed session. Feller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:32 PM.

- b. Return to Open Session for Possible Action.

Moore made a motion to return to open session. Feller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting returned to open session at 4:42PM

Motion was made by Schoenike to forward the Acquisition of Future Park Land on to the Common Council. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn.

Avanzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.