



**CITY OF LONG LAKE  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Adams.

Present: Chair: Roger Adams; Commissioners: Virginia See, Judd Axelson, Lori Goodsell, and Anita Secord; City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller; and City Council Liaison: Mike Feldmann

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COMMISSIONER – JUDD AXELSON**

City Clerk Moeller administered the Oath of Office to new Planning Commission member Judd Axelson.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by See, seconded by Secord, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

*A motion was made by See, seconded by Goodsell, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.*

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Recommendation to City Council Regarding Reappointment of Planning Commission Member Anita Secord

*A motion was made by See, seconded by Goodsell, to recommend the City Council reappoint Planning Commission Member Anita Secord to serve a new term on the Commission. Ayes: all*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Council Liaison Report**

Councilmember Feldmann gave an update on recent Council activities related to the legal issues surrounding the Fire Department.

Moeller noted that all the documents related to the Fire Department situation were available on the City website.

Councilmember Feldmann reviewed other recent Council activities and discussions.

### **B. Commission Member Business**

Commissioner Goodsell stated that she would like to talk about parking and the Long Lake Rowing Club (LLRC). She explained that she was a member of the LLRC and reflected that there has been a lot of controversy the last few years over a possible project establishing a new Club facility on the lake, and the LLRC essentially got caught in a war between City officials that basically ripped them apart. As a member of the LLRC, she has a desire to keep it around. The LLRC would like to build a boathouse at any cost, even if it means moving off Long Lake. She asked if there would be any room for negotiation for it to be located at the City's Nelson Lakeside Park. Moeller did not believe Nelson Lakeside Park would be an option. Chair Adams noted that right next to the Nelson Lakeside Park is property that he believed was owned by the state, but that would mean negotiating with the MnDNR and not the City. Moeller noted that she was not sure if the LLRC would qualify as something that would be considered to be a public purpose improvement which would be a requirement per the MnDNR LAWCON grant that developed the park, and added that to her knowledge, the City owned the park property rather than the MnDNR.

Chair Adams moved the discussion onto parking and stated that he had noticed there are places where there is no parking or very limited parking opportunities throughout the City. He asked what the genesis of all the 'No Parking' signs had been and the reason behind posting them, for example, on Lake Street. He stated that he feels there is room for parking in this area and observed that he also thinks there are places within the City where the parking restrictions can be relaxed. He pointed out that the issue he sees is that area bars and restaurants do not have enough parking available. Moeller responded that she had asked Planning Consultant Rybak to take a deep dive into the City's off street parking requirements to see if there was anything she saw as being out of line, and she expects that Planning Consultant Rybak will come back with some thoughts and recommendations for changes.

Commission members discussed certain parking areas throughout the City. Moeller suspected that there may be a few areas throughout town where staff may be able to remove some of the parking signs and allow more access, at the direction of the Council.

C. Staff Business

Moeller gave a brief overview of recent City office technology changes, including implementing higher speed internet access for City Hall and Public Works, an upgrade of the City's website, and purchasing and installing a new VOIP phone system.

Commission members Goodsell, See and Secord discussed design details of the Zvago project that they were displeased with and possible things that could be done differently in the future when projects come to the City.

**ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by See, seconded by Secord, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Ayes: all.*

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske  
City Administrator