

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

1. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Mlada called a duly convened meeting of the Plan Commission to order at 6:09 p.m. Members present were: Commissioners Sova, Becker, Williams, Kelley, and Voigt (arriving at 6:26 p.m.). Also present were: City Planner Randy Tetzlaff and City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven. Absent and excused: City Administrator Mark Grams.
2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCE & COMMENTS:** There was none.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 20, 2012 AND THE JANUARY 3, 2013 MEETINGS: MOTION BY EARL KELLEY AND SECONDED BY DAN BECKER to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 and January 3, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **CONCEPT PLAN FOR A NEW DOG PARK LOCATED AT 1270 MINERAL SPRINGS DRIVE:** City Planner Tetzlaff reviewed this item with the Plan Commission Members. He stated that there has been discussion recently regarding dog parks. Much of it has centered on it being a public facility; including at the county where a dog park was recommended in the Ozaukee County Park Plan. Bob and Ellen Paulus, owners of Paulus Printing, are involved in rescue efforts of greyhounds. They have some unused or undeveloped land adjacent to their business in the Industrial Park. Some of it has overhead high tension utility lines that cannot be built on. To the east and adjacent to their property are water utility lands and the south side water tower. The Paulus' have researched dog parks and are now proposing a privately owned facility on their property. Both the Mayor and City Planner Tetzlaff have had conversations with them and they had planned to discuss this item at the last regularly scheduled meeting. But the Paulus were leaving town on the 20th and would not be back until the 25th. Staff wanted the Plan Commission to review and take action on this item this month because the zoning ordinance will need to be revised to include dog parks as permitted or conditional use. Due to the Paulus' leaving town, staff was unable to provide a site plan and other relevant information. Once they return, we will get that information to you to review prior to the meeting. The municipal regulations are minimal: shall be fenced-in because this is an unleashed area; there is a water source for the dogs; and there are rules and regulations that apply to the dog owners using the park. Upon further researching, Staff found that they may be permitted or conditional uses. The type of use many times depends on the zoning district they are located in. If conditional, items to be addressed may include but are not limited to: fencing, signage, landscaping, lighting, parking, maintenance, and operations including hours. In addition, it is recommended that the zoning ordinance be revised to allow dog parks as a conditional use in Agricultural, Industrial, and Park and Utility Lands Districts. Finally, if the receding recommendations are approved, then Staff would recommend that a conditional use be granted for this specific dog park as presented. The Paulus' discussed their dog park project with the Plan Commissioners. Commissioners liked the location and this concept plan. **MOTION BY ROB VANDEN NOVEN AND SECONDED BY RON VOIGT to approve the concept plan for a new private Dog Park located at 1270 Mineral Spring Drive as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **ZONING CODE REVISION TO ALLOW DOG PARKS AS PERMITTED OR CONDITIONAL USES IN DISTRICTS ZONED AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND PUBLIC AND UTILITY LANDS:** This item was discussed in item 4. It was suggested

that dog parks should be added to I-1 and I-2 and to make them all conditional uses. **MOTION BY DAN BECKER AND SECONDED BY BUD SOVA to recommend to the Common Council to approve the Zoning Code revision to allow dog parks as a conditional use in Agricultural, Industrial (I-1 and I-2) and Public and Utility Lands Districts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:** Mayor Mlada stated that the St. Peters has their Fish Fry tomorrow night, also on March 25th Around the Corner with John McGiven will be held at Memories Ballroom, which is open to the public.

7. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDEN NOVEN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BECKER to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**