

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

ROLL CALL: Mayor Marty Becker called a duly convened meeting of the Plan Commission to order at 6:01 p.m. Members present were: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, Commissioners Paul Neumyer, Eric Ryer, Tony Matera, Ron Voigt and Brenda Fritsch. Also, present was: City Planner Bob Harris and City Administrator Mark Grams. Absent and excused: There were none. Alderman Dan Benning, Alderman Michael Gasper, and Alderwomen Deb Postl were in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 15, 2019: MOTION BY PAUL NEUMYER AND ERIC RYER to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE & COMMENTS: There was none.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST TO ERECT A BARBED WIRE FENCE LOCATED AT 1112 BYWATER DRIVE: City Planner Bob Harris reviewed this item with the Commissioners. He stated that this applicant is requesting to erect a 6' barbed wire fence around a portion of 1112 Bywater Drive (the former Allen Edmonds warehouse). The applicant is the owner of Maritime Enterprises, a boat storage company with current operations adjacent to the subject property at 1020 Maritime Drive. Maritime has purchased the former Allen Edmonds property and will expand its operations to that building as well. As part of the expansion, Mr. Hevesy is proposing to construct a 6' chain link fence topped with barbed wire around portions of the 1112 Bywater property in order to secure the boat storage facility. In 2006, Maritime Enterprises (under a different owner) was granted a site and building plan approval for the business at its present location at 1020 Maritime Drive. That plan was approved with 6' barbed wire fencing around the perimeter of its property along with a line of arbor vitae along its western property. The City's Zoning Code states that barbed wire fences are prohibited. It should be noted that the codes does not differentiate between residential, commercial or industrial zoning districts. Multiple businesses in the industrial park also have barbed wire fencing, including 1275 Mineral Springs (Veolia) and 810 Maritime Drive approved as part of their site plans. The Plan Commissioners discussed this item. They agreed that the special exception request should be approved but that no landscaping should be placed next to the fencing for security reasons. **MOTION BY RON VOIGT AND SECONDED BY PAUL NEUMYER to approve the special exception request to erect a barbed wire fence as proposed but without any landscape for security reasons. Motion carried unanimously.**

BUILDING AND SITE PLAN FOR A NEW OUT-BUILDING LOCATED AT 751 WEST OAKLAND AVENUE: City Planner Bob Harris reviewed this item with the Plan Commissioners. He stated that the applicant is requesting to build a new out-building for office operations at 751 West Oakland Avenue. The industrial property sat vacant for years prior to Cans-To-Go acquiring it in 2010. The company provides portable rest rooms for festivals, special events, government functions or construction sites. The location is very industrial and it is tucked away off West Oakland Avenue via an approximately 265' drive and surrounded by the Union Pacific Railroad, an outdoor storage area, Ozaukee Iron and Metal, and Schmitz Ready Mix. In 2015, The DRB and Plan Commission approved a 2,800 square foot metal shed building addition, similar to the proposed. The 2015 approval was conditioned upon all gravel areas not being used for the drive and parking to be seeded/grassed, which Cans-To-Go has done. The proposed project is a 24' x 30' metal shed building. The building will be used for office space. There will be approximately three employees operating from this structure. The

Design Review Board recommended approval. The Commissioner reviewed this item and suggested that some windows be placed on the building to let light in and possibly an egress door along the area by the railroad. **MOTION BY ROB VANDEN NOVEN AND SECONDED BY TONY MATERA to approve the building and site plan for a new out-building as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.**

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – LAND USE MAP UPDATE PLANNING PROCESS: City Planner Bob Harris discussed with the Plan Commissioners. He stated that he has asked SEWRPC and Engineering Tech Ross Kroeger for some mapping. He has begun looking into having meetings in the Fall and Winter. He will be having meeting will be with Port citizens, elected offices, and business leaders to look for input. The Comprehensive Plan then should be wrapped up by the Spring.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY ROB VANDEN NOVEN AND SECONDED BY TONY MATERA to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.