

CITY OF ITHACA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 13, 2017
7:00 PM

In the absence of Chair Wilson, the Commission asked the City Manager to Chair the meeting.

The regular meeting of the Ithaca Planning Commission was called to order by Manager Yonker at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present: Commissioners Mark Barrows, Dale Sherman, Jim Gruesbeck and Vice Mayor Alice Schafer (representing Mayor Tim Palmer who was absent)

Staff Present: City Manager Chris Yonker and Deputy Clerk Cathy Cameron

Absent: Commissioners Doug Wright, John Wilson & Jerry Timmons and Mayor Tim Palmer

Motion by Barrows, second by Sherman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 11, 2017; motion carried.

Public Comments

Manager Yonker asked to receive public comments; none were given.

Variance Request at 218 East North Street

The City Manager presented a request for two variances submitted by Kirk Olson to construct an accessory building on his property located at 218 E. North Street. The building exceeds both the maximum square footage and the maximum allowed lot coverage. Discussion was held.

Motion by Barrows, second by Sherman to set a public hearing for July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows to consider the request for variances; motion carried.

Countywide Master Plan Update

Manager Yonker informed Commissioners that the revised plan is in the first final draft stage, with a public hearing likely set for July.

Transmittals

Mr. Yonker presented the FY 2017/18 Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the City Council. The Commission received the City Manager's Activity Reports to the City Council dated May 12 and June 2, 2017. He updated the Commission on the following: ZFS water & sewer projects out to bid next Monday; status of purchase of land for water wellhouse #7; the County's appointment of an interim building inspector; the City's recognition as a Bronze Level winner of the Green Communities Challenge; update on RC Racetrack being back in operation; and MDOT giving tentative design approval for the new sidewalk project to connect to the path east of US-127.

Public Comments

Mr. Yonker asked for any additional public comments, none were given.

Motion by Barrows, second by Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.; motion carried.

Dale Sherman, Commission Secretary

Cathy Cameron, Recording Secretary