

CITY OF ITHACA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 6:00pm

The regular meeting of the Ithaca Planning Commission was called to order by Mayor Baublitz at 5:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present: Commissioners George Bailey, Jared Macha, Mary Beth Mates, Jerry Timmons, and Mayor Brett Baublitz

Absent: Richard Teal

Staff Present: City Manager Jamey Conn, City Clerk Cathy Cameron

Audience Present: Hugo & Heidi Bootsma, Dale Nester and Larry Stehlik

Clerk Cameron reported that the minutes of the previous meeting will be on next month's agenda.

Public Comments

Mayor Baublitz asked for any public comments. There was none.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Manager Conn presented a special use permit review for Jason North located at 725 Serenity Drive. The proposed plan is for a 30'x24' accessory building. A special use permit/variance is required because the location is on the side but in front of the main dwelling. The property is zoned Rural Residential and contains 5.269 acres. Discussion was held.

Moved by Timmons, second by Macha to approve the special use permit/variance for an accessory building at 725 Serenity Drive. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented a special use permit review for Hugo Bootsma located at 329 S St. Johns Street. The proposed plan is for a 40'x60' accessory building. A special use permit is required as the square footage exceeds the 864sqft maximum limit allowed. The property is zoned R3 and contains 1.769 acres. The property has a county drain running along the southern portion of the property, which requires 66 feet of setback. Manager Conn reported that he spoke with Drain Commission Bernie Barnes earlier in the day and Commissioner Barnes is willing to work with Mr. Bootsma for a possible 33 feet setback. Discussion was held. Mr. Bootsma addressed the commissioners' concerns. Neighbors Mr. Nester and Mr. Stehlik were in support, if the accessory building was erected north to south (60' length) A variance is necessary for the 24' center rafter height and exceeding the footprint of the main dwelling.

Moved by Bailey, second by Mates to approve the special use permit/variance for an accessory building at 725 Serenity Drive, contingent upon the Drain Commissioners agreed set back footage. Motion carried.

Public Comments

There was none.

Moved by Timmons, second by Macha to adjourn the meeting at 5:22pm. Motion carried.

Approved 6-11-2024

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, Recording Secretary