

**Harris Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 23, 2025**

- I. **Call to Order** – Chairman Borash called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call** – City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Chairman Jeff Borash, Commissioner Shari Denny, Commissioner Neil Elmquist, and Commissioner Al Siedow. Commissioner Tina Kolodziej was absent. Geier announced a quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda** - Siedow made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2025. Denny seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment** – None.
- VI. **Regular Agenda** – Siedow made a motion to amend the agenda to insert Fish Lake Dock as “A.” Elmquist seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - A. **Fish Lake Dock** – Thomas Anderson, the Co-owner of Fish Lake Dock, attended the meeting to discuss an addition to their current building, which is planned to be 40'x48' with an 18-foot ceiling. It was determined that all the plans conform to zoning requirements, enabling him to apply online to Chisago County for a building permit. Anderson also pointed out that the gravel portion of Stark Road in front of his property suffers from erosion during rainfall, leading to washouts of the road and ditch, necessitating continual hauling of fill. The Mayor proposed paving that section of the road.
 - B. **Update on CUP – Johnny Mold** – The property's septic system did not pass inspection, and no further steps can be taken until it is repaired.
 - C. **Dog boarding, kennel, and dog ordinance** – City Planner Claire Stickler presented an updated version of the ordinance for review. The Commissioners requested the following changes:
 - Add kennels as requiring an Interim Use Permit in the R2 District;
 - Change Section 154.XX (1) to “with the IUP application”;
 - Remove the part of Section 154.XX (1)(i) stating “and the approximate months, days and time periods per week employees will be overseeing kennel operations”;
 - Insert 154.XX (3) Compliance with Minnesota Statute 347.58;
 - Change “Permit Inspection and Enforcement” to Section 154.XX (4); and
 - Change Section 154.XX (4)(a) to “Through the Interim Use Permit application process,”.
 - Also in Chapter 90: Dogs and other animals please strike out 90.22 Revocation of license or permit under the table of contents.

Denny suggested researching Section 154.XX (4)(b) to determine who would conduct facility inspections and consider requiring inspections after a certain number of years. Denny will check with Chisago County to see who they use for inspections. A public hearing is scheduled for July 28, 2025.

- D. **Driveway / Culvert Procedure update** – Chisago County has ceased conducting driveway inspections for municipalities. Geier is collaborating with Public Works to establish guidelines for driveway and culvert installation and inspection procedures, aiming to formulate a policy or ordinance for review by the Planning Commission.
- E. **Update Trailers on Forest Blvd right by Recycling for Wildlife PID 14.001888.00** - Geier informed the Commissioners that the property owner has reached out to the City and is organizing the disposal of the buildings.

- VII. **Commissioner Reports** – Siedow reported that ten tee-ball teams are set to play during Harris Days. When inquired about purchasing picnic tables from an auction site, he confirmed he had not. Although \$1,500 was allocated for the purpose, he sensed a lack of council support for the necessity of acquiring additional tables, so he refrained from bidding. The winning bid for each table was \$150.
- VIII. **Adjourn** – Siedow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denny seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Jeff Borash - Chair

Date Approved