

Babbitt Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Chairman Lowell Johnson. Present for roll call: Johnson, Gale Edeen, and Jim Lassi. Absent: Dave Sherman.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Edeen to approve the minutes of September 9th. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Andrea Kalinowski, representing the Northwoods Saddle Club appeared to inquire about the possibility of leasing city land for a period of 5 years at \$400 to \$500 per year. The Saddle Club has about 5 events per year. They are self insured. Lassi reported that he had located some areas east of the Golf Course that would be compatible for this use. It was moved by Edeen, seconded by Johnson that the City Council be advised that this 5 year proposal would be allowed to proceed at the Council level. Motion carried.

Pastor Bonk of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd was present to present a proposal to place an illuminated sign on church's property. It was moved by Lassi, seconded by Edeen to allow the sign, and that the Zoning Officer be so notified. Motion carried.

A request from the Ely Utilities Commission to distribute biosolids on property located on the NW ¼ of Section 19, T. 60 N., R. 13 W. on Roger Salo's property (30.5 acres) was referred to the Planning Commission by the Babbitt City Council. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lassi to recommend that the Babbitt City Council oppose this use due to the following reasons: the land is located within the Babbitt City limits and is zoned as R-1 Single Family Residential and zoning regulations do not allow this to be used as such; there could be environmental damage; there are air quality concerns for nearby residents, its location is just a mile from the highway, and could present an adverse public image to residents and tourists. Motion carried.

A tentative date for a public hearing to formally recommend adoption of the comprehensive plan was set for November 1st.

It was moved by Lassi, seconded by Johnson to adjourn at 2:40. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lassi, Secretary