

BABBITT PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
July 5, 2011

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

It was moved by Sherman, seconded by Edeen to approve the minutes of May 17th with the note that there was no quorum for the June meeting. Motion carried.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lassi reported that the City Council has approved participation in the Peter Mitchell Mine Project.

Due to the fact that Babbitt has not adopted the State Building Code, we cannot issue "building permits". The Zoning Ordinance will have to be changed to issue either "Land Use Permits" or "Zoning Permits." Lassi will check with the City Attorney to see if the word changes can be done without public hearings.

Dave Laine, 31 Dogwood, requested a variance to build an accessory building (22' X 22' = 484 sq. ft.) to replace an existing 240 sq. ft. structure. The existing garage measures 832 sq. ft. It was moved by Lassi, seconded by Edeen to grant the variance because it is in character with the neighborhood and the fact that the lot in question is very large. Motion carried.

Mark and Julie Huseby, 26 Glen request a variance to build a 30' X 60' ft. (1800 sq ft. garage), 25 feet high, 4 feet from the property line. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Edeen to deny the request due to the fact that the size is 600 feet larger than allowed, the lot in question is average size, the height of such structure would exceed the height of the principal building, and it would not conform with the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Motion carried.

It was move by Lassi, seconded by Sherman to adjourn at 2:50. Motion carried.