

CITY OF BERLIN PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 27th, 2023
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The June 27th 2023 City Plan Commission meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Bruessel. Roll call present were: Chair Bruessel, Dretske, Hanan, Hopkins, and Hughes Also present were Attorney Matthew Chier, Tim Ludolph, Al Sass- Wisconsin Spice, Eric Kemp- Excel Engineering, Nicole Stobbe, Karen Schweigert, Jason Fracher, and Megan Draeger

No General Public Comments.

First item was approval of the May 30th Plan Commission minutes. Dretske moved to approve the May 30th 2023 Plan Commission minutes as presented. Hughes seconded the motion, which was carried by a voice vote.

The next item was to discuss the Site Plan Review and Approval for 478 S Industrial Park Rd. Eric Kemp of Excel Engineering presented the proposal and explained the changes made from the previously distributed site plan reviewed. Hopkins motioned to approve the Site Plan Review, subject to the conditions of the Kunkel Engineering approval letter. Hughes seconded the motion, which was carried by a voice vote.

The next item was to discuss the follow up on the previous request for request for a discussion of a possible amendment to Section 82-684- School Bus Parking Prohibition in Residential Zoning Districts by Megan Draeger - 476 Hillside Drive. The members of the public spoke in favor of facilitation of School Bus parking in residential districts. Chair Bruessel acknowledged the need and discussed the procedure this discussion could take. Attorney Chier explained some history of why the ordinance may have been crafted the way it was and how any amendment would have to be done with critical analysis of the impact to public interest. Hopkins reiterated this would be a sweeping change for the whole community, applying to all residential districts city-wide, and asked about the percentage of the staff of Northern Express who have a analogous situation. Dretske asked if there were other complaints for the other staff who may be parking in residential districts then suggested quick research showed other communities in the state have regulated this parking similarly to how Berlin regulates Chickens in Residential Districts. Bruessel suggested this conversation be tabled and put back on the agenda for the next month after Commissioner and Staff completes a thorough analysis of other communities.

The next item was to discuss the review of the Garage Sales Ordinance due to some feedback and a commissioner having previously distributed the Ordinance to discuss the enforcement of improper Garage Sales occurring in the Business Districts. Ludolph stated that discussions of this issue with the Building Inspector had led to the conclusion Occupancy Permits would be the best enforcement action, the group agreed and no further discussion took place.

Old Business was brought up for discussion at the next meeting.

No New Business was brought up for discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting date is July 25th 2023.

Hughes moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Dretske seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Timothy Ludolph, Planning and Development Director