

Minutes of the Plan Commission – September 19th 2011

A meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Monday September 19th 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

ABSENT – Curt Kramer ALSO PRESENT – Zoning Administrator Julie Jackson, Plan Commission Attorney Mark Peterson, Mark and Ronna Ducharme

2. CERTIFICATION OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW AGENDA REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Nelson SECOND: Munson VOTE: 6-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the July 18th 2011 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Grunow SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 6-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Locations of off-premises signs for Check's Antiques – 115 S. Dousman Street (Mark & Ronna DuCharme)

The Ducharme's were present to answer questions and discuss their signs. Considerable discussion was held on the city's off-premise sign ordinance. ACTION: To deny the Ducharme's (Check Antique) permission to have an off-premise sign at 100 South Marquette (American Family Insurance)

MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Munson VOTE: 6-0 ACTION: To direct staff to work with the Ducharmes on a valid off-premise sign application for the sign to be located along Marquette Road at a location which conforms with city ordinance, and that said application expires on December 31st 2011
MOTION: Grunow SECOND: Nelson VOTE: 6-0

It was the position of the Attorney Peterson that the Check Antique sign adjacent to AnchorBank on Blackhawk Avenue was most likely grandfathered from the current sign ordinance.

5. REVIEW AND ACTION – Extension and enlargement of an existing non-conforming structure

This structure is located at 217 North Ohio Street, owned by Rodney Howell. Howell was not present. Grunow said he had driven by the location in question and felt the map provided to the Commission was not accurate in its representation of the parcel. ACTION: To table the request MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Nelson VOTE: 6-0

6. ADJOURNMENT (7:55 PM)

MOTION: Nelson SECOND: Ritchie VOTE: 6-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer