

**PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 11, 2007**

The meeting of the Maple Lake Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Grant in the Council Chambers of the City of Maple Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Grant, Bell, Ribaud, Rivers and Northenscold.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel and Deputy Clerk Lee Ann Yager

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Northenscold/Bell, to approve the May 9, 2007 Planning Commission minutes.

Continuation of Sign Ordinance Revisions

A lengthy discussion was held regarding updating the sign ordinance. The cities of Hopkins, Lakeville and Eden Prairie have worked extensively to update their ordinances to stand up against constitutional challenges for freedom of speech. Items discussed were as follows: regulate sizes of signs for each zoning district, temporary signs, definitions of signs along with descriptive pictures, signs proportional to buildings, trucks with advertisements used as signs, safety & aesthetics, readability of signs, sizes – minimum & maximums for permits, and setbacks. It was the consensus of the commission to work on the ordinance in sections in the following proposed order: 1) Definitions, 2) Zoning Districts 3) Minimum/Maximum Square Feet/proportion 4) Prohibited Signs, 5) Setbacks. The commission will draw from Hopkins, Burnsville and Lakeville for definition of signs and work on definitions at the next meeting.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Ribaud/Bell to adjourn at 8:10p.m.

Attest,

Deputy City Clerk