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MEETING MINUTES
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM
The Forum
Beloit City Hall, First Floor
100 State Street, Beloit

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Faragher called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Commissioners Weeden, Faragher, Finnegan, and Councilor Leavy were present. Commissioner Haynes, Johnson, Ruster, and Tinder were absent.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 22, 2017 Meeting

Commissioner Weeden moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Finnegan seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

3. Easement – Eagles Ridge Park – 3731 Golden Eagle Drive

Review and consideration of a request for an Electric Line Easement from American Transmission Company LLC over a portion of the Eagles Ridge Park property located at 3731 Golden Eagle Drive.

Ms. Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Anita LaCoursiere, American Transmission Company (ATC), explained that the proposed transmission line will cross over Townhall Road and across the proposed easement area to connect to a light duty steel pole to be constructed along the property line of the adjacent property to the south. This request is being made in order to energize the new Rock Energy Cooperative substation located at Townhall Road and Colley Road. Commissioner Faragher questioned if this was on the east side of town and if Alliant Energy is provide underground utilities. Ms. LaCoursiere stated that it will run along Townhall Road and Colley Road in the Town of Turtle. Ms. LaCoursiere stated that the trees cannot be in the easement area. Four or five trees are going to be taken out, and she does not know if the trees can be replanted or not.

Commissioner Weeden moved to approve the request. Commissioner Finnegan seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

4. **Staff-Provided Training - Vacations and Discontinuances of Streets and Alleys**

Ms. Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, presented information on the discontinuance (vacation) of public ways. A hand-out was provided which outlined the different options for processing these requests.

The Commission and Ms. Christensen discussed vacations of streets and alleys. They addressed possible complications with alley closures in relation to garage access and other concerns. There was also discussion about the problems the City has with people dumping in alleys.

5. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**

Ms. Christensen said that the City Council moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow a drive-through use for Dunkin' donuts. Ms. Christensen stated that Drew Pennington, Director of Planning and Services, is trying to get in touch with Walmart and the corporate owners of the Speedway gas station in order to remove the shed and trees.

The City Council moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow food production and distribution at 1827 Prairie Avenue, the Relocation Order to construct the multi-use path known as the Powerhouse Riverwalk, and the Conditional Use Permit to allow ground-floor office uses for the property located at 310 State Street.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amber DesRoberts.