

**PARK/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – June 28, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fred Keller, Miranda Schufman, Barb Kastens, Andy Harvala, Council Liaison Robert Smestad

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tim Eiler

**STAFF PRESENT:** Assistant Clerk Kristine DeBoer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Thurk

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Kastens and seconded by Harvala to approve the Parks & Planning Commission minutes from 6/14/22. Aye 4/0.

**VARIANCE APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE 157.106 “A FENCE MAY BE LOCATED INSIDE THE REAR LOT LINE TO A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF SIX FEET AND TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX FEET INSIDE THE SIDE LOT LINES UP TO THE POINT WHERE IT IS PARALLEL TO THE FRONT EDGE OF A HOUSE: - 3731 MAIN STREET (DAVID THURK):**

David Thurk stated that 3731 Main Street has been a long-term rental for over 18 years, and he has done a complete remodel, including new windows and doors. He wants to change from a long-term rental to a fully furnished short-term rental. In the winter he wants to rent to people that may be between homes and in the summer rent as a VRBO. The height of the current fence is 4 feet, and he wants to increase it to 7 feet so that it is comfortable for the neighbors and for the people staying at the property.

Harvala asked if he had been in contact with the neighbors regarding increasing the height of the fence. Thurk responded that one neighbor was fine with it and the other didn't have an opinion.

Question was asked why the ordinance limited the height to 6 feet. Keller gave City Planner Wikstrom's answer that there are a lot of narrow lots and if there were number of fences taller than 6 feet it would look like you were driving down tunnels. Keller also shared that Wikstrom, after talking with Thurk, did not have a problem with the increase in height of the fence to 7 feet.

Motion was made by Harvala and seconded by Kastens to accept variance application of Ordinance 157.106. All aye 4/0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 06/01/2022 Council Meeting – FYI

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Kastens and seconded by Schufman to adjourn. Aye 4/0  
7:10 pm

NOTE: Holiday Meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> will meet at Public Works at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine DeBoer  
Assistant Clerk