

FAYAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 16th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chair Alex Peritz. Members present: Heidi Coldagelli, Chris Erickson, Bill O'Neal and Alex Peritz.

Town Board Liaison, Mike Erjavec, was present in the audience.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 26th, 2025 meeting, made by O'Neal, support from Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Guests- None at this time.

Audience Concerns- None at this time.

Correspondence- Received a variance application for the construction of a new home at 7373 Ely Lake Drive. The public hearing occurred on April 10th. Applicant requested an exception for a number of items.

A second item was from Aaron Rasmussen. He was interested in purchasing the former Woodline Building contingent upon obtaining a cannabis cultivation license with the State of Minnesota. At this time they are applying for the smallest license at 5,000 square feet with the hope to expand to a larger license in the future. The property is zoned limited industrial use and cannot operate a retail store out of the location. They would strictly be a wholesale distributor. The only limitations that Fayal could have is limiting the number of retail stores through Ordinance, but stores are only allowed in commercially zoned areas and Fayal does not have any commercially zoned property.

Old Business-

Ballfield- At the last Town Board meeting, Pete Wargowsky, approached the Town Board for the youth to utilize the field for practices twice a week. There is a possibility they could use it for games, but they are trying to limit their concessions to Olcott Park and the Gilbert Fields. Its disappointing that a shed was purchased a few years ago per youth baseball's request to accommodate concessions and then its not being used. Coldagelli will forward on the schedule when she receives it.

Economic Development Authority- No updates.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program- The grant application was approved and should see the site opened for fishing opener.

Grant Funding Opportunities- Coldagelli applied to the Eveleth Community Foundation for tennis court crack sealing. The IRRRB Cultural and Recreation Grant will be open in July to apply for and will be awarded in October. If a grant is awarded, work wouldn't be able to begin until 2026. A grant is really needed to assist due to cost of \$40,000-\$50,000 for crack sealing the courts. Discussion that Coldagelli spoke with a Supervisor from Side Lake and they had their pickleball club raise money for their courts. The Township has been very accommodating to the pickleball group with new nets, benches, etc. Discussion regarding the amount of use of the courts and at times kids are waiting for courts to open up for tennis players. In speaking with the Supervisor from Side Lake, they use a reservation app for court use. Supervisor Erjavec brought forward that he read an article regarding putting pickleball courts in hockey rinks and thought that would be a solution, but has now driven around on our roads and the roads are more of a priority and funds should be focused on our roads that are used by everyone versus a smaller percentage of pickleball players. Discussion that Foreman Jason Latvaaho would rather see the courts have a total reconstruct and put the right base down for the courts as the courts will need resurfacing again in a few years. The courts in Eveleth at the former school have not needed any crack repair in the past according to the former Athletic Director and when Foreman Latvaaho

investigated, it appears they have a proper base. A proper base would eliminate spending \$50,000 now and potentially \$50,000 five years from now. It doesn't take long to catch up to the cost of a total reconstruct.

Commission Vacancy- Will put a notice in the May utility bills advertising for the vacancy.

New Business- No new business at this time.

Motion to adjourn, made by O'Neal, support from Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Peritz adjourned the meeting at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary Heidi Coldagelli