TOWN OF YARROW POINT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2019

The following is a condensation of the proceedings and is not a verbatim transcript.

CALL TO ORDER:

Amy Pellegrini, Planning Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairperson:	Amy Pellegrini
Commissioners:	Trevor Dash Chuck Hirsch – Excused absence Carl Hellings – Excused absence Jennifer Whittier
Staff:	Austen Wilcox – Town Deputy Clerk Mona Green – Town Planner
Guests:	John McGlenn – Resident Dennis Buchanan – Resident Avniash Belur – Resident Alice Diambri – Realtor

APPEARANCES:

None.

MINUTES:

Review of February 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes postponed to April meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Town Planner Green Reported on the following items:

- Town Playground – The project began on March 4 and is off to a smooth start.
- Stormwater Update – The Stormwater Management Plan is being evaluated by PACE Engineers to evaluate and prioritize areas of the system that need work.
- Council Tree Discussion – After concern regarding the regulation of trees, the Mayor invited Tree Solutions to the Council meeting for a presentation followed by discussion. The Council did not come to a conclusion and turned the topic over to the Planning Commission regarding future action.

- Drones – The Town Planner was asked at the prior planning commission meeting to check on potential drone regulations. Ms. Green provided the Commission with reference materials from MRSC to review on the subject.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

PCAB 19-04 ***Initial Tree Discussion,*** *for Discussion*

Chairperson Pellegrini outlined concerns regarding trees that relate to the need for discussion.

The Town needs to determine the goal for reviewing trees and long-term goals. Preserving the Yarrow Point character is a critical aspect.

The Town currently does not have a tree code for private property compared to other local jurisdictions.

The Commission discussed the goals for a potential tree code.

Ms. Green discussed lot coverage regulations from the Town's Municipal Code.

Rules and regulations must apply the same to private citizens as they do to developers.

Commission Chair Pellegini opened public comment at: 7:32 pm

Dennis Buchanan resident at 4015 95th Ave NE shared his thoughts that a potential tree code could devalue property values if regulations are put into place. Mr. Buchanan also stated that it is important to preserve trees. The Commission responded stating there are no intentions to reduce property values.

John McGlenn resident at 4000 95th Ave NE stated that focusing on maintaining character of the Town should be a top priority.

Avinash Belur resident at 3811 95th Ave NE stated that building a house around trees can be difficult based on his own experience. Mr. Belur believes that establishing a baseline opinion on trees should done.

Commission Chair Pellegrini closed public comment at 8:50 pm

The Commission referenced prior tree code discussion when the subject was reviewed by them previously.

The Commission discussed code language relating to hedges.

The Commission discussed the protection of species such as Eagles.

The Commission directed the Town Planner to draft some general guidelines for the Planning Commission to review. This will then be reviewed by Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Dash moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Commissioner Whittier seconded the motion. ***VOTE:*** 2 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Amy Pellegrini

Amy Pellegrini, Chair

ATTEST:

Austen Wilcox

Austen Wilcox, Deputy Clerk