

**NEW YORK MILLS ZONING COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**August 5 2014**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The public hearing of the New York Mills Zoning Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building at 28 Centennial 84 Dr., New York Mills, Minnesota, all members of the Zoning Committee having been notified of the Public Hearing and the business to be transacted.

Members Present: D. Wallgren, J. Lee, T. Johnson, J. Schik, K. Peltier, M. Parta

Members Absent: G. Imsande

Staff Present: D. Berry, C. Kopveiler, D. Delaney

Guests Present: Larry Selander

**Call to Order** The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson D. Wallgren explained the procedure to be followed, noting that everyone shall be given an opportunity to participate.

Chairperson D. Wallgren noted that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the rezoning of 12 lots, specifically Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Block One, Blower's First Addition, Section 8, Township 135, Range 37 of Otter Tail County. Wallgren noted that letters were sent out to all homeowners within a 350' radius of these parcels notifying them of the intent and informing them of the time and location of the Public Hearing. These parcels are currently zoned Residential B (RB). The City Council also feels that this change will continue to encourage the growth of business in New York Mills and will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood, and there have been several inquiries into placing light businesses in this area. Chairperson D. Wallgren provided two maps showing the zoning classification and an aerial view of the parcels for clarification.

There was one guest in attendance at the Public Hearing. Larry Selander asked what prompted the request to rezone the parcels. Chairperson D. Wallgren replied that one property owner opened a home-based photography business, and another potential buyer inquired about purchasing a house for sale to move an existing local insurance agency into it. In reviewing the nature of the neighborhood, it appears that light business would not be a disruption to residents. There are restrictions on the type of business that would be allowed in. Selander also asked whether the classification change would make his taxes go up. Wallgren stated that the County Assessor does not look at the zoning classification in determining taxes. Mr. Selander had no objections after his questions were answered. Chairperson D. Wallgren asked if any written or verbal concerns had been received in the City Office prior to the Public Hearing. No calls or inquiries were received. After hearing no further comments or questions she closed the Public Hearing at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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