

**CITY OF BLUE EARTH
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL**

Call to Order.

Commissioner Scholtes called the meeting to order at 4:00P.M.

Roll Call.

Commissioners Bill Olson (4:20pm), Rick Scholtes, Kitty Fletcher, Paul Smith, Kara Drake.

Absent: Greg Scheid

Staff present: City Administrator Mary Kennedy.

Consideration of the Minutes.

Commissioners Scholtes brought forth the approval of the minutes for the meeting of Thursday, February 17, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Fletcher, second by Commissioner Drake to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, February 17, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Lot Split Request/ Variance Request.

Scholtes addressed the Lot Split Request/Variance Request from Pizza Hut. Kennedy referenced the memo included with the request, indicating the request is for future development of the property. Commissioners reviewed the request of the lot split / variance. Kennedy advised the split would create a lot that doesn't comply with performance standards suggesting that the lot split could possibly create an undevelopable lot. Scholtes referenced Section 1150.03 of the city code, implying that it is possible depending on what they are looking at doing. Kennedy reviewed the information with City Engineer Wes Brown, indicating that he didn't advise doing the split as he felt that there could be issues with erosion, development, and parking. Fletcher implied that we don't want to hinder potential growth, adding additional information is needed to make a viable decision in granting the request, not that every request should be approved. Scholtes recommended tabling the request for when Pizza Hut property owner Joe Comes can attend the meeting in person or via Teams with additional information, directing staff to schedule for the next possible date and time with Comes to continue discussions. Kennedy suggested she seek more information from Comes rather than arranging a meeting with the full commission. All members were in favor of staff obtaining more information.

Motion by Fletcher, second by Drake to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Scholtes adjourned the meeting at 4:40 P.M.