

PNZ sets public hearing for Decorah residential zoning changes

Proposals harken back to historic smaller lots

By Denise Lana

For a few years, Decorah's Planning & Zoning Committee has intermittently discussed the reviewing of regulations regarding zoning and the removal of barriers from more dense residential development. Now the discussions have become actionable, as P&Z has updated existing residential zoning language and made proposed changes voiced by previous meetings and conversations.

R-1 Single-Family Residential District

As a result of these tentative changes, the R-1 Single-Family Residential District lot area will reduce from 15,000 to 10,000 sq. ft., lot width will decrease from 120 to 90 feet, and front yard will be reduced from 35 to 30 feet. Side yard minimums will be 8

feet instead of 12, with churches and schools stricken from this section. Accessory building maximum height will increase from 12 to 25 feet measured to the peak of the roofline from grade, and no entry door shall be taller than 9ft. Accessory buildings will be limited to two stories maximum.

R-2 Single- to Four-Family Residential District

In R-2 Single- to Four-Family Residential District, lot area for single-family and two-family dwellings would decrease from 10,000 to 8,000 square feet, three-family dwelling would decrease from 12,000 to 9,500 sq. ft., and four-family dwelling would decrease from 13,200 to 10,500 sq. ft.

Lot width for single-family dwelling would decrease from 80 to 60 feet, two-family dwell-

ing would decrease from 90 to 60 feet, three-family dwelling would decrease from 100 to 80 feet, and four-family dwelling lot width would decrease from 110 to 80 feet.

Front yard would decrease from 35 to 30 feet, and colleges would be stricken. Side yard minimums would decrease from 10 to 8 feet, and colleges, churches and schools would be stricken. Rear yard specs would remain the same, but colleges would be stricken. Accessory building maximum height will increase from 12 to 25 feet measured to the peak of the roofline from grade, and no entry door shall be taller than 9 feet. Accessory buildings will be limited to two stories maximum.

R-3 Multiple-Family Residential District

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dential District, lot area for single-family dwelling would decrease from 8,000 to 6,000 sq. ft. and two-family dwelling would decrease from 10,000 to 7,500 sq. ft. Lot width for a single-family dwelling would decrease from 60 to 50 feet, two-family dwelling would decrease from 70 to 50 feet, and multiple-family dwelling and other permitted uses would decrease from 80 to 60 feet. Front yard would decrease from 25 to 20 feet. Accessory building maximum height will increase from 12 to 25 feet measured to the peak of the roofline from grade, and no entry door shall be taller than 9 feet. Accessory buildings will be limited to two stories maximum.

The public hearing to discuss these changes will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Decorah City Hall as part of P&Z's monthly meeting.

Public Notices

Decorah Community School Board Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Central Administration Office Monday, January 9, 2023 5:30 p.m. Present: President Ronald Fadness, Directors: Cindy Goodner, John Hjelle, Ben Lange, and Brian Petersburg, Supt. Dr. Tim Cronin, Director of Business Services Cathy Dietzenbach, Board Secretary Darlene Woodhouse, Staff, News Media, and Guests. Director Petersburg participated via Zoom.

President Fadness called to order the regular school board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Director Goodner read the mission statement.

There was no old business. Motion: Director Goodner moved, seconded by Director Hjelle to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all voting aye.

Motion: Director Hjelle moved, seconded by Director Lange to approve the consent items as presented, December 12 & 30, 2022 minutes, bills, and personnel as listed below, including the addition of a high school special education position for 2023-2024. Motion carried by all voting aye.

New Hires: a. Jenni Cantine (High School Associate) Step 3, Lane 1 \$9,394

Resignations: a. Amy Suhr (5th Grade Teacher) b. Lizzie Hartman (9th Grade Softball Coach) c. Elizabeth Smith (John Cline part-time Food Service) d. Heidi Rue (John Cline Special Education Teacher)

New High School Special Education Teacher Position for 2023-2024

Communication from the public: Steve Peterson and Matt Kuempel, DEA representatives, presented to the Board a competitiveness study of contracted days. It was stated that other districts receive more paid holidays compared to Decorah district. Decorah's reliance on teacher sacrifice is frustrating, and the DEA wants to warn the Board of Decorah's vulnerability in future years.

There was no presentation in January. Motion: Director Lange moved, seconded by Director Petersburg to approve the first reading and/or revision Board Policy 700 Series-Non-Instructional Services and Business Procedures es. Motion carried by all voting aye.

Motion: Director Goodner moved, seconded by Director Lange to approve the first reading and/or revision Board Policy 800 Series-Buildings and Sites. Motion carried by all voting aye.

Director of Technology Shawn Gordon updated the board on the I: 1 student devices. Administrators attended a vendor showcase on January 4, 2023, to determine what type of devices would fit the district's needs best. It was determined Apple fits as the sole provider for devices based on cost, warranty and repair costs. A Request for Proposal (RFP) would be sent out as February 1, 2023, as a bid due date with board approval on February 13, 2023. The district is requesting 690 iPads and 1,195 MacBook Airs. Current devices will be sold to a third party. Director of Business Services Cathy Dietzenbach stated the sale provides funds for the first year payment of the new devices. Motion: Director Hjelle moved, seconded by Director Goodner to approve the RFP for replacement of I: 1 student devices. Motion carried by all voting aye.

Motion: Director Lange moved, seconded by Director Hjelle to set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Administration Office for the proposed 2023-2024 type of school calendar (hours versus days). Motion carried by all voting aye.

Motion: Director Lange to set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2023, following the first public hearing at the Central Administration Office for the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar. Motion

carried by all voting aye.

High School Athletic Director Adam Riley updated the board on the district's athletic conference (NEIC). On December 8, 2022, the NEIC districts met in Cedar Falls to discuss the conference's future. Waverly Shell-Rock will remain in the NEIC for one year as previously agreed with district administrators. Motion: President Fadness moved, seconded by Director Lange to approve the Northeast Iowa Conference (NEIC) Mediation Agreement as presented. Motion carried by all voting aye.

The board discussed the elementary facility. The board has a work session planned with Decorah's City Council on Monday, January 23, 2023, to discuss possible locations for a new elementary school. Bolton and Menk's provided drawings to the public, providing a footprint for the area, not a blueprint. The drawings are not the finished product. The school board will visit the City Council and begin the process of vetting architects for the design of the school. The board stated it is pleased that the drawings include the elementary school to be located downtown.

Supt. Dr. Cronin informed the board of the upcoming legislative session. Dr. Cronin stated school vouchers will be a topic of discussion, and that a 5% SSA has been communicated.

Open Enrollment In: • Riley Szymanski - 9th Grade for 2022-2023, from Howard-Winneshiek to Decorah CSD. Parent: Melissa Bakken

Director of Business Services, Cathy Dietzenbach, presented the monthly financial reports for December 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Ronald Fadness, President Darlene Woodhouse, Board Secretary Claims for January 2023- General Fund Prepaids:

Alliant Energy, Electricity	13,350.95
Century Link, (Lumen), Telephones dist.	585.64
Decorah Gen. Fund (BMO), Supplies-dist.	24,339.27
U.S. Cellular, Cell Phones & Cradle Points	1,797.52
Total General Fund Prepaid Claims	\$40,073.38
General Fund Payables:	
Acc Hardware, Bldg. Repairs & Supplies	119.63
Acentek, Internet	855.00
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal Services	1,711.00
Albers, Justin, 1st Semester Mileage-MS	90.00
Apple Computer, Computer Repairs-dist	299.00
Beyond The Bar Bakery, Supplies-HSAP	75.00
Bockman, Dana, 1st Semester Mileage-CL	180.00
Bodensteiner Imp. Co., Equipment Repairs	200.78
Bruening Rock Products, Ice Control-dist	292.18
Busta, Corey, Supplies-Bus Garage	46.48
Capital Sanitary Supply, Custodial Supply	4,030.82
Carquest Auto Parts, Vehicle Repairs	64.39
Casper Plumbing & Heating, Repairs	2,334.41
CDW Government, Supplies-HS/CAO	4,656.22
CEC, Tech Purchased Service	218.00
Consolidated Energy Company, Bottle Gas	2,218.52
Culver-Hahn, Building Repairs-district	1,349.75
Dahl, Veda, 1st Semester Mileage	180.00
Dalco, General Supplies-district	2,208.70
Decorah Activity Fund, Online Purchases	86.00
Decorah Auto Center, Inc., Vehicle Repair	56.62
Decorah Kawasaki, Misc. Vehicle Repairs	48.98
Decorah, City of, Water/Sewer	3,480.51
DHS Cashier 1st Floor, Medicaid Direct	11,259.98
Elsbernnd, Sarah, 1st Semester Mileage	180.00

Fareway Gen. Supplies -district	503.09
Farmers Winn Coop, Fuel	688.42
Fastenal, Misc. Vehicle Supplies	74.39
Fisk Farm & Home, Bldg. Repairs-WS	68.92
Fullhart, Lee, Gasoline	19.29
Gordon, Shawn, 1st. Semester Mileage	180.00
Grainger, Bldg. Repairs & Maintenance-MS	16.56
Graphic Inc., General Supplies-CAO	230.00
Halweg, Jesse, Geometry Endorsement-TQ	63.00
Hurst, Brad, 1st. Semester Mileage-HS	90.00
IASB, Registration-CAO	1,010.00
Iowa Communications Network, Internet	1,882.50
Jaymar Business Forms, Supplies-CAO	339.88
John Deere Financial, Repairs, JC/HS/NW	119.39
Johnson, Kelly, Travel Expenses-TQ	58.01
Kinderhaus, 4 Yr. Preschool Partners	3,796.70
Knox, Brian, Piano Installation Services-HS	750.00
Love, Learn, Lead, Gen. Supplies-TQ	13,930.00
Malcom Enterprises, Garbage Collection	800.00
Marco, Copier Expenses-district	4,277.88
McDonald Supply, Bldg. Repairs-CL	301.58
Mercy One Occupational Health, Drug Test	428.00
Minnesota Chemical Company, Repairs-HS	86.83
Mississippi Welders Supply, Supply-HS/Bus	351.36
Napa Auto Parts, Vehicle Repairs	88.32
Ness Pumping, Contracted Service-HS	625.00
Nimrod, Jake, 1st Semester Mileage-MS	90.00
Nisse Preschool, 4 Yr. Old Partners	7,213.73
North Central International, Vehicle Rep.	755.88
Northeast IA Montessori, 4 Yr. Preschool	2,657.69
Novak Electric, Perry, Repairs-CL	257.09
Olsgard Auto, Vehicle Repairs	66.00
Rick's Computers, Supplies-district	1,500.00
Riverside Insights, Supplies-JC	457.50
Sassy Baker, General Supplies-HSAP	248.00
School Specialty, Supplies-CL	98.60
SSE Music, Instrument Repairs-MS	356.50
St. Benedict School, 4 Yr. Preschool Part.	6,834.06
Sunflower Childcare, 4 Yr. Preschool Part.	5,315.38
Tandem Tire, Vehicle Repairs	4,332.94
Thompson Truck & Trailers, Vehicle Repairs	604.75
Varney, Rick, 1st Semester Mileage-JC	180.00
Vick's Heating & Plumbing, Bldg. Repairs	569.98
Total GENERAL Fund Claims	\$98,586.19
SAVE Fund	
Bruening Rock Products, Bus Garage Rent	4,675.00
Emergent Architecture PLC, Baseball Light	1,604.07
Total SAVE Fund Payables	\$6,279.07
Total Add'l January GENERAL Fund Payable	
Black Hills Energy, Electricity	3,664.43
Bruening Rock Products, Ice Control-dist	840.89
Caseys Business Advantage, Fuel	82.05
Chileda, Tuition	3,654.36
Clinicare Corporation, Tuition	60,540.45
Decorah Food Service, Breakfast-MS	140.50
Decorah General Fund (BMO), Supplies	9,796.22
Decorah Rental, Supplies-Bus Garage	87.00
Dragonfly Books, Gen. Supplies-HSAP	51.04
Driftless Multimedia LLC, Advertising	17.82
Five Star Telecom, Guest Ipads Printers	9,103.50
Howard Winneshiek CSD, Tuition	140.85
Kwik Star, Fuel	16,049.61
Pepper, J.W., Gen. Supplies-MS	309.49
Rev Trak Inc., December Transaction Fees	570.01
Riley, Adam, 1st Semester Mileage	90.00
School Administrators of IA, Registration HS	110.00

School Health, Gen. Supplies-HS	1,562.23
Timberline Billing Service, Medicaid Bill	1,594.47
Tri State Sound/Light, Stadium Sound Sy.	3,541.18
Truck Country, Vehicle Repairs & Maint.	2,737.99
Vick's Plumbing & Heating, Repairs-HS	293.75
West Music, Instrument Repairs-HS/MS	9,221.17
Total Add't GENERAL Fund Payables	\$120,901.01
Claims for December 2022 Food Service Fund	
Anderson Erickson Dairy, Produce	5,901.34
Christopher, Cherrie, Refunding Lunch Acct.	10.00
Country View Dairy, Dairy Products	1,233.00
Decorah CSD Activity, Produce	588.50
Fadness, Laurel, Refunding Lunch Account	18.00
Iowa Food Hub, Produce	234.00
Joe's Restaurant Equipment, Repairs	1,644.95
Kingsley Mercantile, Repairs	797.07
Kwik Trip, Ala Carte Items	70.56
Martin Brothers, Food, Produce, Supplies	33,747.85
Ness Pumping Service, Purchased Service	1,175.00
Pan-O-Gold, Bread	408.84
Total Food Service Claims	\$45,829.11
Claims for December 2022 - Activity Fund	
4 Seasons Fundraising, FFA	5,968.35
Anderson, Jennifer, Supplies	55.00
Armel, Ray, Official	140.00
Berland, Larry, Official	100.00
Bliven, Dustin, State Meals	54.00
BSN Sports, Supplies	5,408.93
Byerly, Brianna, Official	140.00
Camp, Bob, Official	280.00
Cedar Falls HS, Entry Fee	100.00
Central Elkader HS, Entry Fee	90.00
Copyland, Supplies	227.49
Country Garden, Supplies	30.00
Cowsmo, Inc., Compost	265.00
Crum, Lori, Supplies	238.50
Decorah Comm. Food Pantry, Donation	200.00
Decorah CSD - Food Service, Vet. Day	487.15
Decorah CSD Gen. Fund, Official	1,469.44
DeMoulin Bros., Supplies	99.89
Derlien Scale, Calibrations	200.00
Elsmore Swim Shop, Supplies	855.00
Ewalc, Gary, Official	140.00
Fareway, Supplies	194.28
Fitzgerald, Michael, Official	140.00
FloSports, Supplies	50.00
Forsyth, Brady, Official	280.00
Foster, Bryan, Official	160.00
Ft. Dodge HS, Entry Fee	270.00
Glawe, Gene, Official	140.00
His Hands Food Pantry, Donation	200.00
Hoffert, Chris, Official	140.00
Holthaus, Kelly, Official	140.00
IHSSA, Registrations	580.00
Ingels, Chad, Official	140.00
Iowa Central Comm. College, Entry Fee	100.00
Iowa Depart. Of Rev., License	122.78
Johnson, Brad, Official	140.00
Johnson, Ryan, Official	280.00
Johnson, Scott, Official	160.00
Kaden's Closet, Donation	200.00
Kangas, Chris, Official	140.00
Keleher, Jerry, Official	90.00
Kober, Robert, Official	140.00
Kramer, Randy, Official	90.00
Lechtenberg, Ben, Official	90.00
Lechtenberg, Dan, Official	90.00
Letterwerks, Supplies	10,687.00
Linderbaum, Luther, Official	280.00
Lutes, Tyler, Official	160.00
Luther College, Dorian Registration	380.00
Luzum, Dick, Official	100.00
Mabe's Pizza, Meals	111.55
MFAC, LLC, Supplies	306.95
Miller, John, Official	140.00

Law Enforcement

Winneshiek County Sheriff

Alisha Colsch, 26, of Ossian, was charged with serious misdemeanor assault Jan. 3 at 12:15 p.m. While incarcerated in the Winneshiek County Jail, she assaulted jail staff.

Trisha Kountkofsky, 39, of Ridgeway, was arrested Jan. 3 at 11:19 a.m. at 212 Winnebago Street in Decorah, and booked into the Winneshiek County Jail on an arrest warrant for violation of probation.

Jessica Lundt, 30, of Decorah, was arrested and booked into the Winneshiek County Jail Jan. 8 on an arrest warrant for D felony sex offender registration violation, 2nd offense, and aggravated misdemeanor sex offender registry provide false information, 1st offense.

Deputies executed a search warrant Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m. on Maple Avenue in Decorah. Robert McAfee, 52, of Decorah, was arrested and booked into the Winneshiek County Jail for serious misdemeanor possession of controlled substance - methamphetamine, serious misdemeanor possession of controlled substance - marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Minn. Tex Citrus, FFA Fruit Sales	23,274.06
Murray, Steve, Official	160.00
Music Listening Contest, Reg.	990.00
Nat'l, FFA Organization, Supplies	1,520.00
Newton HS, Entry Fee	150.00
Niehaus, Jeff, Official	90.00
On Deck Sports, Equipment	3,497.81
Pavlovich, Jeff, Official	160.00
Petersen, Nile, Official	140.00
Pianos Unlimited, Grand Piano	13,195.50
Pioneer Valley Books, Supplies	544.50
Prouty, Jim, Official	140.00
Ratchford, Rob, Official	140.00
Relevant Speakers, Speaker	1,250.00
Rosendahl, Marc, Official	140.00
Sahr, Nathan, Official	280.00
School Health Corp., Supplies	1,279.96
Sharff, Brent, Official	280.00
Sickles, Daniel, Official	140.00
Silvercrest, Rental Fee	200.00
Stephan, Dave, Official	140.00
Stern, Shaun, Official	150.00
Varner, Rodney, Official	90.00
Varland, Randy, Official	140.00
West Music, Equipment	1,595.97
Williams, Maleek, Official	160.00
Winn. Co. Ag Assoc., Commission	1,820.00
WW Homestead Dairy, FFA Fruit Sales	3,128.30
Yeomans, Inc., Uniforms	193.63
Youngblut, Dean, Official	140.00
Total ACTIVITY Fund Claims	\$87,921.04

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Probate No. ESPR016171 THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT WINNESHIK COUNTY IN THE ESTATE OF

Cynthia Avis Lantz, Deceased To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Cynthia Avis Lantz, Deceased, who died on November 23, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on December 16, 2022 a Petition for Administration and Appointment of Administrator was admitted to probate in the above-named court. On December 19, 2022 Angela Trent and Erin Pater were appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Petition for Administration must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all potential heirs of the decedent and devisees whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Angela Trent Erin Pater Co-Administrators of the Estate Jeff Carter Attorney for the Estate Date of second publication: January 12, 2023 Decorah (Iowa) Public Opinion January 5 & 12, 2023