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**Lanesboro Planning and Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

Present Members:

Aaron Gage Jeff Lepper Jonathan Levine Alicia Pearson Michael Seiler

Staff:

Mitchell Walbridge Darla Taylor

Guests: Bonita Underbakke, Joe Deden

Regular Meeting

City Administrator Mitchell Walbridge administered the Oath of Office to Aaron Gage and Jonathan Levine.

Member Seiler called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Agenda Approval: Member Lepper entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Member Pearson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Public Comments:

- Joe Deden addressed the Lanesboro Planning and Zoning Commission about the deer population within city limits and impacts to human and pet safety, vehicle collisions with deer, chronic wasting disease and destruction of gardens, decorative plantings, shrubs, and small trees. Deden suggested ordinances be amended or special permits be issued to allow for an archery hunt within city limits on private and city property.

C. Election of Officers:

- a. Appointment of Chairperson for 2025:** Member Lepper entered a motion to appoint Member Seiler as chairperson for 2025; Member Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- b. Appointment of Vice-Chairperson for 2025:** Member Levine entered a motion to appoint Member Lepper as vice-chairperson for 2025; Member Pearson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

D. Consent Agenda:

- a.** Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 20, 2024
- b.** Building Permit Application – Parcel ID 190397040
- c.** Building Permit Application – Parcel ID 190205000

Member Pearson entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Lepper seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business

A. Deer Population Control: Member Seiler entered a motion to open discussion on the topic; Member Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Members discussed concerns over safety, designated locations for an archery hunt, and liability risks that could be associated with the coordinated hunt, if it were to be allowed. Members would like additional information from Don Ramsden of the Minnesota DNR Wildlife Office. Members also expressed interest in the city administrator finding out if other Fillmore County communities allow archery hunts within their municipal boundaries and which zoning districts hunting would be permitted in. To date, Administrator Walbridge shared he was unaware of any reports to law enforcement to the city office about deer attacking individuals or pets, nor any concerns reported to the city office from the DNR. Administrator Walbridge also has not heard from any law enforcement agency regarding any noticeable increase in deer versus vehicle collisions occurring within city limits. Member Lepper entered

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a motion to table discussion until additional information is compiled; Member Pearson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Member Lepper entered a motion to adjourn the meeting; Member Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk