

CITY OF SPARTA
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
November 8, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Riley, John Ambro, Robert Arnold, Ron Button, Jim Church, Troy Harris, Toni Wissestad

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sund, Todd Fahning, Josh Lydon, Matthew Hoffland, Alicia Dwyer, Ken Shaw

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Roll call was done by the Clerk.

A motion was made by John Ambro and seconded by Robert Arnold to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the regular meeting on October 4, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

The Public Hearing regarding the Conditional Use Permit request by Alicia Dwyer to operate a child care center located at 9672 Idell Avenue began at 6:41 p.m.

Ken Shaw spoke against the matter, stating he has lived in the same house on Idell Avenue for the last 44 years. He stated there are no street lights, the street is narrow with no sidewalks, and there is a blind corner right by the house in question. He believes it would be dangerous for children to walk in that area.

Alicia Dwyer spoke on her behalf. She commented on the need for child care in our area. She is currently certified through Monroe County, which allows her to provide child care for three children in addition to her own. She has been providing care for children at her residence for nearly a year. She is in the process of obtaining her license through the State of Wisconsin, which will allow her to provide care for up to eight children. She stated she has had no issues or complaints filed against her to date.

The Public Hearing ended at 6:47 p.m.

Jim Church asked Alicia if she has any changes proposed to her property for the licensing process that the State of Wisconsin would require. She stated she is in compliance and the only thing she may need to do is replace a portion of chain link fencing at the rear of her property to adhere to the four foot fencing requirement. She states the fencing is older and it is uneven in spots, dropping it under the four feet requirement.

It was asked the age range of the children she provides care for. She stated she currently has children ranging from one years old to two that are four years old. The four-year-old children attend half-day preschool and are bussed to her house when

done. She stated if she walks the children, she uses a baby carrier and a double stroller.

A motion was made by Jim Church and seconded by Troy Harris to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Alicia Dwyer located at 9672 Idell Avenue to operate a child care center. Motion carried 7-0.

Todd Fahning presented the sign permit applications for Aldi, Inc. He stated to ignore the signage that are banners, as they are temporary. All signs are in compliance.

A motion was made by John Ambro and seconded by Robert Arnold to approve the sign permits for Aldi, Inc. located at 1650 W Wisconsin Street. Motion carried 7-0.

There were no items for future consideration.

A motion was made by Troy Harris and seconded by Robert Arnold to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Lydon
City Clerk