



August 10, 2023

Mayor Kerry Smith and Councilors  
P.O. Box 2510  
Gearhart, Oregon 97138

RE: Planning Commission, August 2023

The Gearhart Planning Commission met August 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm. All commissioners were present. Chad Sweet, Garrett Phillips, and Angoleana Brien were present for staff.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Garrett reported that there are no new zoning variance requests at this time. A request to convert a tennis court into a Pickleball Court is incomplete and awaiting further information.

Visitors Comments: None

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business: Discussion continued about the Tree Planting Ordinance and the Tree Permitting Ordinance. Commissioners John and Russ presented a draft of a revised ordinance. After discussion focused on how the size of trees would be measured (circumference or diameter) and the permitting process for removal of trees, it was agreed that John and Russ will provide a revised second draft at the September meeting.

New Business: None

Concerns of the Commission: Judy asked about the permitting of planting of additional trees on public property and road rights-of-way. Virginia encouraged commission members to read the piece on Oregon's housing shortage that was included in our packet. It references HB 2001, which eliminated exclusive single-family zoning in communities with a population of 10,000 or more.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Sincerely,

  
Virginia A. Dideum  
President, Gearhart Planning Commission