

City of Maquoketa  
Property Maintenance Board  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, Brad Koranda, presiding.

In attendance: Steven Gisel, Dan Holm, Barb Schroeder, Pat Walke, Ginger Bennet, Brad Koranda, Chris Ihrig

The motion was made by Chris to approve the agenda, seconded by Steve. The motion was made by Chris, seconded by Ginber, to approve the previous minutes.

Audience: none

### **New Concerns**

Brad gave the board members the list of the building permits that have been approved and their status. A discussion followed about roofing projects, all of which must have permits. Two layers of shingles or other roofing material is all that is allowed. There was a question about if there was a penalty for not having a permit. There is an ordinance for that in the City Code. Brad noted that some people don't think they need to have a permit because it's their house and they own the property!

Some discussion followed about what is the definition of a home business, if a homeowner would gravel their property for client or customer parking. Brad said that generally a home business is where people come to your house and wondered if eventually a permit might be required to run a home business.

### **Update on the Building Department**

Brad reported that the rental inspections are going well. This year is multi-family dwellings and next year single and duplex inspections will be done. Usually batteries in smoke detectors are the usual violations. Brad shared the news that the old hospital will be taken down and will likely be the site of new apartments, or small 800 sq ft independent living units.

Brad continues to inspect the sites where there are nuisances and violations of property ordinances. The abatement procedures are moving along with court hearings as needed, such as the "wood guy's" appearance which was set for October. Some examples are a bad roof and other problems on Edna Street. The city seems to have to clean up the rubble, fill in the hole and mow, at the house after the fire on W. Pleasant Street as a safety abatement. The owner has no money, the insurance didn't pay and there are mortgages on the home/property.

Various properties were mentioned as having problems. One that should be added to the list is 315 N. Second Street which is inhabited but has a hole in the south facing roof that is getting larger.

### **Other Business**

Steve brought up if the inspectors were addressing the dead or dangerous trees that might need regular or emergency abatement. Some properties were mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm. Moved by Steve, seconded by Pat  
The next meeting was set for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm. The December 28, 2022 was canceled.