

Town of Santa Claus
Advisory Planning Commission

Date: 7/20/2026, Meeting called to order at: 5:30 pm CT

Members Present: B. Warran, K. Burke, R. Luthy, R. Grundhoefer, D. McCauley
Members Absent: R. Boehm, J. Stillman
Also Present: Atty. K. Patmore, Z.A. T. Hays

Luthy presents for consideration, minutes from the January 19, 2026 meeting. Grundhoefer motions to approve minutes as written, and McCauley seconds. Motion carries.

NOTE: Due to technical difficulty with the streaming equipment, Luthy motions to not record this evening's meeting. Grundhoefer seconds, and the motion carries.

New Business:

There are two issues for the commission to consider: 1- Implementing the current sign ordinance, and 2- Allowing overnight camping, to wit, Harvest Host.

Below listed are talking points devised by Mr. Patmore.

-If the Council is inclined to send a specific proposal to APC for its (re)consideration, here are some things which would might be considered for such a change:

1. On the sign ordinance, what is the happy medium for allowing temporary signs?
 - a. Do you allow any number and size of temporary signs on a business property, regardless of the size of the property?
 - b. Is this for both signs (pertaining to the business which the sign is located) and advertising devices (for activities/businesses located elsewhere)?
 - c. If more liberal measures are provided, how will the Town police such measures, when we have no full-time zoning staff regularly checking the number of days a sign is present on property (the one item I recommended should be considered for elimination is the 30-day per calendar year limit on temporary signage, as no one is keeping track of the number of days per year any such sign is on property).
2. On the Incidental Camping issue:
 - a. In which zoning districts is this allowed?
 - b. Is there a minimum lot/parcel size before it is permitted?
 - c. Is there a maximum coverage area/density of campers per sq. ft.?
 - d. Must the camping area be paved?
 - e. Is there a property line setback required?
 - f. Is there a maximum number of days/year it is allowed (to prevent full-time residence in an RV on a property)?
 - g. Are they allowed to have firepits/grills/etc., whether installed on site by the host, or brought in by the campers?
 - h. Do you only permit contained units (RVs)? What if the host provides facilities?

Following lengthy discussion and consideration, the commission puts forth the following-

Regarding implementation of the existing Sign Ordinance, Luthy motions and Grundhoefer seconds for an un-favorable recommendation to the Town Council for changes to current ordinance. Motion passes unanimously.

Regarding Incidental Camping, McCauley motions, and Grundhoefer seconds for an un-favorable recommendation allowing overnight camping outside of permitted campgrounds. Motion passes unanimously.

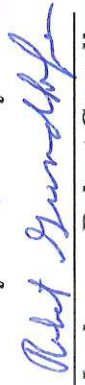
There being no other business before the APC, Warran made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Grundhoefer and unanimously passed. Adjournment at 6:40 pm.



President Jeff Stillman

 9.21.2024

Secretary Russ Luthy Date



Member Robert Grundhoefer



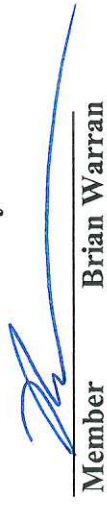
Member Dennis McCauley



Vice-President Kevin Burke



Member Randy Boehm



Member Brian Warran