

**CITY OF ELYSIAN
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2026**

The Elysian Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Present were Chairperson Paul Hunter; Commissioners Kim Denn, Patrick Ely, Dan Engebretson, David Schlueter; Zoning Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: None.

On motion by Ely, seconded by Engebretson, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the May 5, 2026 meeting as presented.

On motion by Ely, seconded by Denn, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented.

The Commissioners reviewed a draft ordinance created by the City Attorney, regulating the surface use of Lake Francis, Le Sueur County, Minnesota as it relates to wake sports.

The Commissioners commented that overall, the ordinance hits all points, is not too long and does not have a lot of fluff. Chuck Becker, Safe Wakes for MN Lakes, has reviewed the ordinance and commented that it hits all the necessary points.

There was consensus of the Commissioners that Section 3 should be amended to state "No person may operate a motorboat on Lake Francis 'in any area to the east of that line identified on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A'...in Section 2."

Ely reported that he had sent an email to the Avenza Maps App but had not received a reply. He had also contacted a Garmin Map Representative but did not receive any useful information from them.

Hunter reported that both he and staff had called and left messages for Captain Adam Block, Boating Law Administrator, Department Natural Resources but have not received a return call.

Follow up will include: 1. Hunter and staff will contact Captain Adam Block; 2. Staff will create a map delineating the City limits of Lake Francis; 3. Hunter will red line the ordinance with the change to Section 3 and forward to the City Attorney; 4. Ely will contact Avenza Maps; and 5. Hunter will pursue a meeting with County Commissioner Rohlfing and the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office.

Planning and Zoning will review the ordinance one more time and then present it to the City Council.

There was no further business to come before the Commission.

On motion by Engebretson, seconded by Ely, all voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Attest:

Paul Hunter, Chairperson

Lorri Kopischke, Zoning Administrator