

Planning and Zoning Commission

What types of projects are reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission?

The Planning and Zoning Commission has both policy development responsibilities and policy application responsibilities. However, their decision-making role is not legally-binding. Final decisions rest with the Board of Supervisors and Board of Adjustment on most land use issues. The Commission performs an 'advisory' function, studying issues, overseeing the preparation of plans and ordinances, and reviewing and advising on development issues. In addition, the Commission recommends action on Conditional Use Permits to the Story County Board of Adjustment. Information regarding these types of projects can be obtained by visiting Story County's website or by contacting the Planning and Development Department at 515-382-7245 or pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov.

How are the meetings conducted?

The Organizational Policy and Rules of Procedure adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission defines a standard order of each and every meeting. The procedure of the meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Commission Comments
- X. Staff Comments
- XI. Adjournment

The Story County Planning and Zoning Commission consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. All members of the Commission are residents of Story County residing in the unincorporated portions of the County. Commission members are appointed to five year terms.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets monthly, on the first Wednesday of each month. The Commission recommends actions on subdivision plats, amendments to the land use policies and regulations, and rezoning requests to the Board of Supervisors. In addition, they also recommend action on conditional use permits to the Board of Adjustment.

All meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission are open to the public.