Shattuck School Rezoning: Be In the Know

March 16, 2023





1. Who owns the Shattuck School property at 600 Elm St.?

The Neenah Joint School District (NJSD) owns the property and is the only entity that can receive and respond to offers to purchase it. The City of Neenah does not own this property, so it cannot decide who can purchase it from the school district or own it.

2. What does R-1 zoning mean?

The R-1 zoning district allows for low density single family residential development but does not allow for multi-family homes. There are also standards on lot size for the R-1 district.

3. Before it gets sold by the school district, what is the Shattuck School property's current or existing zoning classification?

The current zoning is R-1 Single Family. That is the default zoning classification for a school property.

4. Will the Shattuck School property need to be re-zoned at some point?

Yes, unless a developer of the property plans to build only single family homes on standard sized lots on the property.

5. What is the current status of the Shattuck School property?

In March of 2022, the Neenah Joint School District received an offer from Northpointe Development of Oshkosh to purchase the Shattuck School property. The NJSD board accepted this offer to purchase on July 19, 2022, and subsequently requested a re-zoning of the property from City of Neenah on October 21, 2022. That re-zoning request was necessary because of the multi-family nature of the proposal which included renovation of the Shattuck School building into apartments. That re-zoning request was approved by the City's Plan Commission by a vote of 6-1 but failed by a vote of 4-5 at the City Council meeting on December 7, 2022. Since that time there have been no other applications to re-zone this property.

6. What happens next?

The City of Neenah is awaiting any formal requests to re-zone and/or develop the property. Until an application is made, if ever, no other formal action can be taken by the city, and the property will remain in NJSD ownership to operate and maintain as they choose.

7. How can citizens stay informed about this topic?

By contacting your Neenah Joint School District representatives serving you on the school board, by contact your City of Neenah alderman, or by contacting the Mayor's office.