

EUREKA TOWNSHIP

DAKOTA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 4, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Ralph Fredlund.

Members Present: Ralph Fredlund (Chair)
Bill Funk (Vice Chair)
Allen Novacek (Commissioner)
Julie Larson (Commissioner)
Randy Wood (Commissioner)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lu Barfknecht (Town Board Liaison)
Anne Adelman (Deputy Clerk)

See attached list of all others in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

1. Add under Citizen Inquiry, item B. Mike Johnson.
2. Add under Citizen Inquiry, item C. Andy Flores
3. Add under New Business, item A. Greater Minnesota Gas

Motion: Commissioner Larson moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Chair Funk. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Citizen Inquiry

Dan Fredrickson - 6381 Chester Ave., Northfield – Building Right Transfer

Motion: Chair Fredlund moved that Mr. Fredrickson's proposed driveway access onto Highview is acceptable, as presented at this time, for splitting a lot at 24465 Highview Ave, seconded by Commissioner Wood. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Mike Johnson

Mr. Johnson inquired as to whether he could buy and move a house into the township. He also asked if he could have a mobile home on the property and live in it.

The Commissioner's agreed that he would need a permit to move the house in, and that he would not be able to live inside of a mobile home on the property.

Andy Flores

Mr. Flores inquired about building rights on a Poplar Farms parcel of land that is for sale.

Permit Requests

James Fraser, 8999 267th St W, PID# 13-02900-76-011 – Basement Finish

Discussion concluded that Planning Commission review was not needed. Mr. Fraser was advised to proceed with the township building inspector and to obtain an electrical permit from the state.

Blake Rothnem, 24090 Holyoke Path, PID# 13-24660-07-060 – Attached Garage

Motion: Commissioner Novacek moved to recommend approval of the application for an attached garage at 24090 Holyoke Path, and send forward to the Town Board, subject to satisfactory relocation of septic lines, if needed, seconded by Vice Chair Funk. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Land Use

(None)

Town Board Liaison Report (Lu Barfknecht)

Supervisor Barfknecht provided a summary of the February 10, 2020, Town Board meeting:

- Road contractor update – requested Otte Excavating to provide an estimate to repair the damaged culvert for submittal to the driver's insurance company.
- Accepted the progress report for the broadcast tower building permit.
- Approved the revised lot split application for Wayne Hallcock.
- Sealed bids were received and reviewed for gravel, street sweeping, dust control and building official services.
- Approved a two-year renewal of the Inspectron contract.
- Conducted annual reviews for IUPs and CUPs.
- Designated hours for elections and appointed election judges.
- Discussed prohibited practice of plowing snow across roads and into ditches.
- Discussed policies on attorney engagement and calling special meetings.
- Discussed the Newsletter.
- Authorized for Jeff Otto to research the proposed building rights text amendment with the township attorney.
- Approved the amended 225th St. JPA road maintenance agreement with Lakeville.
- Discussed Eureka Estates out lots drainage easement research.

Old Business

Broadcast Tower Equipment

The Commissioners reviewed an email from Milestone Radio requesting information regarding any additional equipment that would be added to the broadcast tower.

Video Recording of Meetings

The Commissioners reviewed Greenvale Township's practice of recording meetings and posting them on You Tube.

Motion: Chair Fredlund moved to forward the information to the Town Board, seconded by Commissioner Wood. *Motion carried 3-2*, with Commissioners Larson and Novacek opposed.

MPM IUP Permit Application Status

The Planning Commission noted that they are waiting on the documents required in the mining ordinance for MPM to present a complete application.

Solar Energy Proposed Text Amendment

Motion: Commissioner Wood moved to table this agenda item until the April meeting, seconded by Commissioner Larson. *Motion carried 4-0*, with Commissioner Novacek abstaining.

New Business

Greater Minnesota Gas

The Planning Commission discussed information received from a citizen that Greater Minnesota Gas has sent flyers to residents about installing a gas line in the township. The Commission learned that the company has since applied for a road right-of-way permit with the township.

Minutes Approval

Minutes of the February 4, 2020, Planning Commission meeting

Motion: Commissioner Wood moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Novacek. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Deputy Clerk Issues

(None)

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Novacek moved to adjourn, seconded by Chair Fredlund. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranee Solis, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By: _____ on: _____
Planning Commissioner Date