



Minutes

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Location: Zoom Dial: 1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 851 3718 9109 Passcode: 373382

Lent Town Hall: 33155 Hemingway Ave., Stacy, MN 55079

April 12, 2023 7:00pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

T. Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Members present: Chair T. Schroeder, J. Johnson, D. Stiers, J. Willeck

Members absent: Susie Brooks

Others present: Clerk T. Smolke, Board Supervisor C. Cagle, Planner K. Lindquist, Supervisor J. Barrett and two members of the public (signed in)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

ADOPT THE AGENDA

D. Stiers made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by J. Willeck. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

J. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Second by T. Schroeder. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dog Barking Ordinance

T. Schroeder explained there was a request for an ordinance at the annual meeting. K. Lindquist said the county does not really have an ordinance either, but after hearing about the situation, they said to look at the city of Chisago's ordinance. J. Johnson said he checked the city of Stacy also, but there is no reference to one. K. Lindquist ran a couple of comps but they seem very strict and we would have to meet those high standards. C. Cagle asked if the commission believes the township would be prepared for handling calls if an ordinance was adopted. Would the calls be sent to the county or animal control? The Commission questioned if this noise ordinance could cover more, for instance, loud music after 3am, loud vehicles, and guns. K. Lindquist said that if the township approves it, the county will enforce it. J. Barrett said he went to the CCATO meeting and the sheriff was in attendance and spoke about barking dogs. The ordinance would also have to be approved by the state, then it is on the book and the sheriff can write a ticket. C. Cagle questioned setting parameters such as three calls from separate neighbors indicates an issue, but some folks might only have one neighbor. The Commission discussed distress and other factors that might make a dog bark for an extended period of time. The Town Planner will put collect some information to present before the next meeting.



Joos Refund

K. Lindquist stated the fee and escrow were paid for this application and, like any other case, escrow not used would be returned. T. Schroeder said if the applicant withdraws before the Planning Commission meeting, it is stated the fee is returned. C. Cagle said the applicant knew of the annexation and wanted to race the clock and get this done first. He also knew our ordinance had to be modified. J. Barrett laid out the timeline of the application and the annexation and asked T. Smolke to clarify some dates. The letter to the residents was dated March 16th, but the annexation was technically approved on March 1st. **T. Schroeder made a motion recommend the Board turns down returning the fee to the applicant since it was not withdrawn. Second by J. Johnson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

OLO Junk Removal addy

C. Cagle explained she received a call from the Board Chair and was asked to get this business back on the agenda. There is junk in front of the property, but C. Cagle noticed he has been cleaning it up since then. She would like to get a letter out. K. Lindquist will write one up.

Lennon Welding Pole Barn Permit

K. Lindquist said an ag building does not have to be an accessory use so the applicant said he is farming and got his lot deemed farmland. The county said they will check out the operation when they are out inspecting the building, and that seems backwards. D. Stiers said we can be pretty sure there is no farming. K. Lindquist said we could write a letter and have him commit to something in writing then we can also ask about the welding business.

STF Properties

Public Hearing – continued

T. Schroeder made a motion to move the public hearing out to May 10, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. J. Johnson asked if they are ready and K. Lindquist replied not yet. Second by D. Stiers. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

none

COMMISSIONER/TOWN BOARD REPORT

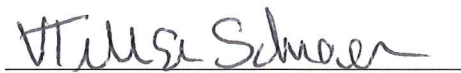
Individuals Contacting Consultants

C. Cagle gave an annual reminder that before contacting the lawyer or town consultants, first contact T. Smolke. She would then answer questions or approve the contact. Everything should channel through the clerk.

NEXT REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

ADJOURN

J. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:29pm. Second by D. Stiers. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.


Chair Signature


Clerk Signature

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TANYA J. SMOLKE
Clerk, Lent Township, Chisago Co., MN
Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public)
My term is indeterminate