



**Minutes**  
**Planning & Zoning Commission**  
**Location: Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Ave., Stacy, MN 55079**  
**February 12, 2020**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

P. Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Vice Chair P. Carlson, D. Milles, B. Schule, S. Brooks

Members Absent: Chair M. Willcoxen, J. Johnson

Others Present: Planner E. Maass, Supervisor B. Seekon, Clerk K. Wood, 2 members of the public (signed in)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** *(ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)*

NONE

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**D. Milles made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by S. Brooks. All in favor, motion carried.**

**APPROVE THE MINUTES** OF THE JANUARY 8, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

**B. Schule made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Second by D. Milles. All in favor, motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Comp Plan Discussion**

E. Maass said the Town Board approved the proposal for WSB to move forward with community engagement for the comp plan. The website is almost up and running. They will be at the Annual Meeting, Easter Festival and Spring Cleanup Day. D. Milles talked to C. Cagle about people going to one acre lots and noted that area was Urban Growth which allows for one acre lots. P. Carlson said we want them to know that we allow for one acre lots. There was discussion regarding the Anderson property. E. Maass said the place to start will be the comp plan. They are not going to start over, they are going to refresh the existing comp plan. E. Maass said the County does not allow for outdoor storage. The Township would need some sort of district. This



will be addressed in the comp plan review. P. Carlson said he talked to the Petersons and they are not interested in rezoning at this time. P. Carlson asked what happens if the Andersons wanted to come back. E. Maass said we have never had that before. P. Carlson asked E. Maass if he could look into it.

### **32050 Elk Lane Complaint**

D. Milles said he attended the court date on January 21<sup>st</sup> and the property owner was issued a misdemeanor. The property owner did not show up. The Assistant County Attorney read through the paperwork and asked D. Milles if they should give him a continuation. D. Milles replied no. He has a bench warrant and an additional \$500 fine. He has a civil issue with the Township and criminal with the County. E. Neiman stated that the property is bad. E. Maass went by there before the meeting and agreed. There was discussion regarding the foreclosure process. E. Nieman asked about him parking on the road. The Township would have to post no parking signs.

They will receive a letter and a \$500 fine from the Township.

D. Milles said we can send them a fine every day, but that would mean we would need documentation every day and we would also have to treat every violation the same. B. Seekon said we should have some language that the fines increase if it lasts a long time. D. Milles said it is in the statute. E. Maass said one option would be to seek an administrative search warrant, document vehicles and note that vehicles would have to be abated on a certain date. He said that could be expensive.

### **32301 Elk Lane Complaint**

E. Maass went by the home this evening. The big boat has been moved, they have a large black dumpster, one vehicle is gone and they have less stuff than before. E. Maass said we received a call from a third party asking about zoning violations. E. Maass said there is a silver Chevy that has not moved, a Ford pickup that is driven daily, the dumpster is overflowing, there is a mini-bike, and an enclosed trailer. D. Milles said we should fine them the \$200. D. Milles asked if we have condemnation rights here. P. Carlson said no. A letter and the \$200 fine will be sent.

### **Lindgren Property**

E. Maass reached out to US Solar and they were not opposed to the Township mounting a camera on their property. They want the Township to verify that it is not a violation. He is not super confident in this approach. The Township is not fining the property owner due to lack of evidence. D. Milles said his website is still up. D. Milles said he would like to have him come to a meeting. P. Carlson asked if it should be tabled until we get further complaints. D. Milles said we sent letters, criminal violations, he spent time in jail and the judge ordered him to clean it up. At this point, we have tried everything, maybe we should just sit and wait for a visual. P. Carlson said he has been seen bringing boats in.

P. Carlson made a motion to talk to the Sheriff's Department to do a training mission over the property and take photos. They discussed buying a drone. E. Maass said he has not seen that in



court yet. S. Brooks said they do not specify how we can get evidence. D. Milles said that the air and water are public. E. Maass recommends that they talk to P. Tiede about this prior to moving forward with the purchase of a drone. Motion fails due to lack of a second. E. Maass said this should be tabled until Spring to see if any activity is seen. P. Carlson asked B. Seekon to ask the Board about buying a drone. D. Milles said he is going to look for online satellite photos of the property.

**D. Milles made a motion to table the Lindgren violation until the May meeting and if we get any evidence, we are going to start the fines.** B. Seekon confirmed it is okay if he does work off site. P. Carlson said it is okay. D. Milles said if we get evidence, we are going to start fining him in June. **B. Schule seconds.** B. Seekon is going to talk to the Board about the purchase of a drone. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**COMMISSIONER/TOWN BOARD REPORT**

B. Seekon said the plow truck broke. A good used one is \$100k. P. Carlson said the road grader could be sold. B. Seekon said the Board said they cannot get rid of it yet. They had the budget meeting and really whittled it down. The proposed budget is \$960k. The air packs and turnout gear need to be replaced for the Fire Department. There is a possibility of a grant and they suggested bonding for it. He said the roads need to be maintained. They are still looking at a new administrative building across the street. P. Carlson asked why this building cannot be used. B. Seekon said C. Cagle said it might not be a good idea to put money into a pole building. B. Seekon said we are going to have a CCATO meeting in the new room. The new room is already rented out.

**NEXT REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IS MARCH 11, 2020 AT 7:00 PM.**

**ADJOURN**

**D. Milles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. S. Brooks seconds. All in favor, motion carried.**

  
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Planning Commission Member

  
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Kelly Wood, Clerk

