



MINUTES

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 823 0273 5370 Passcode: 473124

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

July 12, 2023 7:00pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

T. Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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, and 4 members of the public (signed in/ attended virtually)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

C. Cagle said there is a property on Forest Boulevard that seems to have quite a few vehicles and trailers parked. T. Smolke informed them the property owner has a Hibbing mailing address. The neighbor came in front of the commission to ask for outdoor storage and was turned down so notification that no outdoor storage is allowed should be sent. J. Willeck cross-referenced the address on the MLS and said the house was listed in 2019 but did not sell.

T. Schroeder said she received a call from the board chair stating there was a complaint on Forest Lake contracting. The claim was made that they are crushing concrete onsite and burying it. K. Lindquist sent a letter and explained to the commission that last year the township conducted an annual renewal of the permit. The letter sent described clean fill is required. Last year, the owner was nervous about timing since it is a mining site. T. Schroeder asked if members of the commission could just stop by the site and J. Barrett suggested T. Smolke coordinate with the owner of the site. T. Smolke asked if there would be a quorum like last year as she would need to post a notice. T. Schroeder volunteered herself and D. Stiers.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

T. Schroeder said special event permits go to the Planning Commission to get recommended for Board approval and she would like to add A1's Ribfest to the agenda. J. Johnson asked what is required and C. Cagle said bathrooms, security, etcetera. T. Schroeder moved the Forest Boulevard complaint to Public Comments, since there was no formal complaint. **T. Schroeder made a motion to adopt the agenda with the two additions. Second by J. Willeck. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVE THE MINUTES of the June 15, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

J. Willeck made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2023. Second by J. Johnson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ribfest

The commission discussed the event. **T. Schroeder made a motion to renew the A1 Ribfest for 2023. Second by J. Johnson. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.**



OLD BUSINESS

Countryview Marine screening update

T. Schroeder asked the commission if they have heard anything. J. Johnson said the fence should be going in so the township should ask for install and tree removal dates. K. Wood invited the business representatives to the meeting.

35805 Forest Blvd Complaint

Discussed in public comments

Platinum Transport, 33675 Grand Ave

T. Schroeder said there was a complaint on this home occupation stating they are operating outside of their hours of operation defined in their permit. The complainant provided photos taken of trucks coming and going between 7:15pm and 8:30pm. C. Cagle asked the property owner to explain and he was not sure what to explain then could not recall the event. He said sometimes he comes home late or there may have been an incident. The business partner then claimed responsibility, stating there was an emergency in Wisconsin. He drives the semi and I. Johnson drives the heavy-duty flatbed. C. Cagle explained the township has granted permission and the permit allows something that is normally not allowed in the area. If it is found that the business is not able abide by the permit, the business may have to relocate elsewhere. C. Cagle said this permit is under discretion of the board and the owner/ operator should do the best he can to stay within it. I. Johnson said the neighbors have a vendetta against him. J. Willeck asked I. Johnson if the township could have a copy of the log he is probably already using. I. Johnson said that he believes the complaints all come from the same person over and over again and he is going to subpoena them. T. Smolke told the applicant that his permit is still waiting in her office and still needs to be picked up and recorded with the county. T. Schroeder recalled the applicant saying that operating outside the hours of 6am and 6pm is a *rare* occasion, and twice a month is anything but. I. Johnson said he has no set schedule. C. Cagle said if the *norm* is coming and going, the business does not belong there.

COMMISSIONER/ TOWN BOARD REPORT

C. Cagle asked for an annexation update. T. Smolke said the election might possibly have to wait until February. C. Cagle said they are not stopping business. After the merger, everything is joint. All Lent records remain our history and it will be stored. Lent is not changing and our zoning will stay the same. T. Schroeder said they will continue until T. Smolke says.

NEXT REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IS AUGUST 9, 2023

ADJOURN

J. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Second by T. Schroeder. Votes via roll call, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.


Chair Signature


Clerk Signature

