



Minutes

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 861 9950 1699 Passcode 222444

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

September 13, 2023 7:00pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

J. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Members present: Vice Chair J. Johnson, Member J. Willeck, and Member D. Stiers

Members absent: Chairperson T. Schroeder and Member S. Brooks

Others present: Clerk T. Smolke, Board Supervisor C. Cagle, and Town Planner K. Lindquist

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None

ADOPT THE AGENDA

J. Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by J. Willeck. Votes via roll call, Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

D. Stiers made a motion to approve the August 9, 2023 Planning Commission minutes. Second by J. Willeck. Votes via roll call, Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Stiers said he received a phone call from a local business owner hoping to stage a milling pile on his property from a state project so he sent him to the clerk. T. Smolke said an IUP is required for this and the process would not be manageable with the project timeline in place. D. Stiers said in the correspondence from T. Smolke, it was stated under IUP that temporary equipment and operations were allowed. There is equipment, possibly related to the same state project, is being store across the street at Station on 17. D. Stiers read the code allowed and explained the same standards should be held. J. Johnson asked if the business storing the equipment has applied for a permit and T. Smolke said they have not. C. Cagle suggested a cease-and-desist letter until they apply for an IUP. She would like the letter sent certified.

OLD BUSINESS

Code Enforcements:

33675 Grand Ave (Platinum Transport)

T. Smolke gave an update. The township attorney approved the placement of a trail camera, with certain stipulations, to verify the home occupation is operating within the parameters of the home



occupation permit. There has been no proof of any noncompliance. C. Cagle said the camera was requested by the board. J. Johnson said no action will be taken at this time.

5085 Eifer Trl

R. Stiers explained the unapproved driveway. T. Smolke asked R. Stiers to show the commission the most recent picture he took. J. Johnson said the ROW needs to be restored and asked if the resident has responded, or if a second letter should be sent out. C. Cagle believes the ROW there has been in rough shape for a long time due to the way the plows handle that curve. J. Johnson declared this case closed.

32420 Elk Ct

J. Johnson said the packet contained complaints since mid-August. The county was alerted of the tree service business operating out of the home. K. Lindquist said the latest email received led her to believe there is no longer a complaint and this is more of an official log of events. C. Cagle would like to look into the business and, if legitimate, have them apply for a home occupation permit.

COMMISSIONER/ TOWN BOARD REPORT

C. Cagle thanked D. Stiers for covering in her absence last month.

MERGER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

C. Cagle said December 29 is the merger, postcards have been sent, and there is a four month interim before the new council is set. Two seats will be filled from Lent and two from Stacy, with a mayor at large. Anyone in the township can file to fill one of the two Lent seats. The election is April 9th. T. Smolke said the city and township will vote at the town hall.

Joint P&Z update

T. Smolke informed the commission there is a seat on the future Stacy Planning Commission for all members, between members and alternates. J. Willeck said he has already submitted a letter of interest to the city. D. Stiers and J. Johnson expressed their interest as well.

NEXT REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

ADJOURN

J. Willeck made a motion to adjourn at 7:56pm. Second by D. Stiers. **Votes via roll call, Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Chair Signature

Clerk Signature

