

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday September 2, 2009
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Don Gerrish, and Chuck Grams. Land Use and Natural Resources staff present were Sara Isebrand and George Leary.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kip Bruender made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting with the noted correction. Mr. Grams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated there was no change to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 18-09

Peter Blethen and Jenifer Clock – Request for a Conditional Use Permit to transfer a development right from the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 11 to the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 11, of LeRay Township. Said property is zoned Conservation, Agricultural and Shoreland.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

Peter Blethen was present. He indicated that this request is part of a process that will hopefully pave the way for a smooth review process of a future plat proposal of the area.

Karyn Block from LeRay Township was present and indicated the Township had no issue with the request.

There was no further comment.

There was little discussion by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bruender made a motion recommending approval of the request on to the County Board.

Kurt Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 19-09

Darrell Garlow– Request for a Conditional Use Permit to transfer a development right from the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 1 to the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, of Beauford Township. Said property is zoned Conservation and Agricultural.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bruender asked if condition number 2 requiring a search for abandoned well(s) should be removed as the applicant had already addressed this. Other Planning Commission members agreed.

Mr. Bruender made a motion recommending approval of the request without condition number two on to the County Board.

Kurt Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 20-09

Darwin Sorenson – Request for approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat of Sorenson Subdivision No. 2, a one lot subdivision located in a Rural Townsite and Shoreland Zoned District in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ Section 4, Garden City Township.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

Kurt Anderson asked about frontage to Edgwood Road.

Warren Smith from Survey Services indicated that there is 150 feet of road frontage measured at right angles.

Mr. Gerrish acknowledged the need for the notice to the applicant that agricultural practices will take place in the agricultural area.

Bill Anderson made a motion recommending approval of the request on to the County Board.

Don Gerrish seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Isebrand discussed the Department’s interest in reducing the number of staff report copies. She indicated that presently 18 copies of the Board of Adjustment packets are printed and 32 copies of the Planning Commission packets are copied. In consideration of staff time, copying expenses and the use of paper, the Department is attempting to reduce, where possible, the number of hard copies and convert to an electronic format. Commission members Femrite, B. Anderson, Gerrish, and Bruender elected to convert to the electronic format. Commission members K. Anderson and Grams elected to remain with hard copies.

6. AJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Kurt Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Chuck Grams and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date