

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 3, 2017
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Barry Jacques, Michael Riley, and Joe Smentek. County staff members Aaron Stubbs, Chris Meeks and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jacques made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2017 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Bruender seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated that the Vacation Petition and the Subdivision Plat that had been included in the public hearing notice will not be presented at the May meeting and will be rescheduled and re-notified for a future meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 06-17

Peter and Ann Langworthy - Request for review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit application to operate a dog kennel. The proposed kennel will accommodate 7 to 12 adult dogs and on occasion offer litters of puppies for sale. The property is zoned Agricultural and is located in part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Sterling Township.

Mr. Stubbs presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had no additional comment.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite commented on the thoroughness of the report.

Mr. Kurt Anderson asked staff if the bluff line had been taken into consideration. Mr. Stubbs responded that it was reviewed and all structures are located beyond the required setback.

Mr. Smentek made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board with the findings and conditions as proposed by county staff.

Mr. Bill Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PC 07-17

Daniel Huso and Holtmeier Construction - Request for review and approval of a conditional use permit to open an aggregate mining operation of approximately three acres. The proposal is to mine the available aggregate and transport it to a nearby mine for processing. The duration of the project is approximately three months. The project is located in part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Rapidan Township. The property is zoned conservation and also includes a small portion of shoreland overlay district of the Maple River.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had no additional comment.

There was no public comment.

Ray Cornelius was present on behalf of Rapidan Township. Mr. Cornelius had no further comment from the Township.

Mr. Femrite commented on the short duration of the project.

Mr. Kurt Anderson asked staff how the comments from the DNR had been addressed. Mr. Leary indicated the DNR comments had been reviewed. He added that the County Well Specialist reviewed the proposal and had no concern with the potential impact of the project on the neighboring wells. In addition, the County Wetland Specialist had reviewed the proposal and he had no concerns due to the shallow depth of the excavation, the short duration and that it will be filled with clean fill and returned to agricultural land upon completion. Mr. Leary added that to his knowledge, the movement of the Maple River has not been an issue moving in the direction of proposed excavation area.

Mr. Bruender made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board with the findings and conditions as proposed by county staff.

Mr. Smentek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Stubbs advised the Commission of the first regional public input meeting for the Land Use Plan on May 6th at the Lake Crystal Rec Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Stubbs indicated other regional meetings are scheduled for May 11th at the Eagle Lake City Hall, May 18th tentatively at the Amboy Snow Birds meeting room, and May 30th at the Maple River High School Commons Area.

Mr. Stubbs reminded the Commission of the May 9th Lakes and Zoning Seminar and encouraged the members to attend. The seminar will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. Mr. Bill Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Jacques and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date