

## **MINUTES**

### **Blue Earth County Planning Commission**

#### **Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 1st, 2020**

**8:00 p.m.**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Anderson. Planning Commission members participating in the virtual meeting included Kurt Anderson, Bill Anderson, Kip Bruender, Barry Jacques, Michael Riley and Joe Smentek. Staff members Garrett Rohlfing, Julie Conrad, Scott Salisbury and George Leary also participated.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Smentek made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 virtual Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **PC 07-20**

**Janet Sands-Anderegg and Andy McGuire (Lawncrafters LLC)** – Request for review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a lawn care and landscaping business in the Agriculture Zoning District. The property is located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, LeRay Township. The location address for the site is 20895 610th Avenue, Eagle Lake, MN 56024.

Mr. Salisbury presented the report.

Andy McGuire was linked into the meeting. He had no additional comment.

There was no other public comment.

Mr. Kurt Anderson stated LeRay Township has an ongoing issue with 610<sup>th</sup> Ave. The County provided a thin layer of blacktop for the road. However, it is a township road. He opined that it should be taken over as a county road.

Mr. Bruender thanked Mr. Anderson for the road comments. He added that the proposal is a great use of the property and that it will be a good opportunity to make the facility operational.

Mr. Smentek made a motion to adopt the proposed findings and to recommend approval of the request to the County Board.

Mr. Bruender seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**PC 08-20**

**Louis and Eileen Kleidon** – Request for review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit for grading and filling for the purpose of elevating a flood-prone driveway. The project is located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Pleasant Mound Township in the Agriculture Zoning District and the Shoreland of Perch Creek. The property has a location address of 47403 121st Street, Lewisville, MN 56060.

Ms. Conrad presented the report.

Louis Kleidon was linked into the meeting. He stated he is looking forward to working with the township and coordinating his project with that of the township.

There was no other public comment.

The consensus of the Commission was that the project is needed.

Mr. Smentek made a motion to adopt the proposed findings and to recommend approval of the request to the County Board.

Mr. Bill Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**PC 09-20**

**Elijah Depuydt** - Request for review and approval of a conditional use permit to operate an equipment repair shop as a Level II Home Occupation in the Agricultural Zoned District. The property is located in part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Lyra Township. The property has a location address of 54257 153<sup>rd</sup> Street, Good Thunder, MN 56037.

Mr. Leary presented the report.

Mr. Depuydt was linked into the meeting and thanked the Commission for their review.

There was no other public comment.

Mr. Kurt Anderson stated it is a good proposal. He referenced the objective of the Land Use Plan to encourage small business growth. The other Commission members agreed.

Mr. Bruender made a motion to adopt the proposed findings and to recommend approval of the request to the County Board.

Mr. Smentek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Update/Review of County Board action items from the previous Planning Commission meeting:**

- **Herb Wenkel, Richard Wenkel, Kenneth Wenkel and Clarice Roseberry** - Request for review and approval of an ordinance amendment to the official zoning map of Blue earth County to re-zone the southern 30 acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Beauford Township from Light Industrial to Agricultural. **Approved**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smentek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion. Following roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Planning Commission Chair

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Planning Commission Secretary

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