

MINUTES

Blue Earth County Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Wednesday August 2, 2023

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Joe Smentek. Planning Commission members participating in the meeting included Joe Smentek, Kurt Anderson, Dusty Riley, Dan Roberts, and Commissioner Bruender. Staff members Garrett Rohlfing and George Leary were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5th Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Riley seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Leary stated there were no changes to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 22-23

Victor P. & Kathleen L. Barke Living Trust and Jason T. Wannarka – for review and approval of the preliminary and final plat of the Barke Acres. The plat will include two lots. The properties being platted are zoned Rural Residence and are located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, South Bend Township.

Mr. Rohlfing presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and available for questions.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Anderson stated the proposal appeared to be simple housekeeping and indicated he had no opposition to the request.

Mr. Anderson made a motion for recommendation of approval of the request to the County Board based on the findings prepared by staff and with the conditions recommended by staff.

Mr. Bruender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. County Board action on items from the previous Planning Commission meeting:
 - Kehoe – Interim Use Permit for a mechanic shop as a Level II Home Occupation in the Conservation District. APPROVED
 - TRANQ LLC and Pentagon Materials, Inc. – Gravel Pit. APPROVED
 - John F. Just Sr. Family Cabin Trust and Sandra Lynn Sontag Revocable Trust - preliminary and final plat of South Shore Subdivision. APPROVED

- Lorentz Construction – Interim Use Permit for a Gravel Mining Operation – The action was tabled due to an EAW petition. The County Board is requiring that an EAW be prepared.

B. Cannabis Moratorium Consideration – Mr. Leary indicated to the Commission that a moratorium is being reviewed and will likely be presented during the September meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Riley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date