

MINUTES

Blue Earth County Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Wednesday November 1, 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 Kurt Anderson, Dusty Riley, Dan Roberts, Joe Smentek, and Taryn Surdy. Staff members included John Considine and Scott Salsbury.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2023, Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 37-23

Custom Craft Homes LLC, Request to vacate the utility easements on Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 1 of Johnson/Montgomery Pleasant View Estates. The property is zoned Rural Townsite and located within the Urban Fringe Overlay District in the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, South Bend Township.

Mr. Salsbury presented the staff report.

The applicant was not present.

There was no further discussion.

Ms. Surdy made a motion recommend approval of the request to the County Board based on the findings prepared by staff and with the conditions recommended by staff.

Mr. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

PC 36-23

Blue Earth County, Ordinance amendment to Chapter 20 - Land Division, Article III and IV. The amendment updates standards for minor subdivisions and parkland dedication.

Mr. Considine presented the staff report.

There was no further discussion.

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

Ms. Surdy seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Review of Bylaws

Staff presented the Planning Commission Bylaws adopted on November 17, 2020.

Following the presentation, Mr. Kurt Anderson recommended inclusion of the Minnesota Statute requiring all appointed government officials to take an oath of office.

Planning Commission members found no other adjustments were necessary to the bylaws and recommended amending the bylaws to include the oath of office to the County Board for approval.

B. County Board action on items from the previous Planning Commission meeting:

- Gross Revocable Family Trust and Ross & Stephanie Blume - Request for an Interim Use Permit to operate a short-term rental unit, under new ownership in the Shoreland of Lake Washington. APPROVED
- Lee & Kristine Bohrer - Request for review and approval of the final plat of Terrace View Subdivision No. 2. APPROVED
- Township of Sterling – Request for a conditional use permit to develop a cemetery. APPROVED
- Ruth Roxanne Fess and R & E Enterprises of Mankato, Inc., - Request for an Interim Use Permit to operate an aggregate mine and associated processing activities. APPROVED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Surdy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date