

PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES
Maine Prairie Township
August 13, 2019

Planning and Zoning meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Zoning Administrator Froehling/Supervisor Loewen to approve the July 9, 2019 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes with one correction. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Ryan & Carrie Stelten-Land Split: Ryan and Carrie Stelten and James Stelten were present to request Board approval to grant a Certificate of Compliance for a land split of 4.99 acres from PID 20.11125.0000 consisting of 112.51 acres owned by James Stelten. After review of the survey namely Preliminary Plat of Stelten Addition, Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to approve issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for this split. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing–Russell Pregler/Lisa Bahr Variance Application: Chair Wicker opened the hearing at 7:15 p.m. Deputy Clerk Robinson read the legal notice published in the Tri-County News on August 1st and 8th, 2019. No comments were received from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an Application for Variance received from Russell Pregler and Lisa Bahr to replace a carport and adding a 14'x22' three or four season addition or porch to their existing home which encroaches into the setback of the road right-of-way. Chair Wicker called for comments from the floor. No one spoke. Chair Wicker called for a motion to close hearing. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Kuechle to close hearing. All in favor, motion carried. After Board discussion and review of Findings of Fact, Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Kuechle to grant the Variance for encroachment into the setback of the road right-of-way as requested with no conditions. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to adjourn hearing at 7:25 p.m.. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing-Michele Bahr-Drontle Variance Application: Chair Wicker opened the hearing at 7:25 p.m. Deputy Clerk Robinson read the legal notice published in the Tri-County News on August 1st and 8th, 2019. No comments were received from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an Application for Variance received from Michelle Bahr-Drontle to construct a 15'x20' two-story addition to her existing home which encroaches into the setback of the road right-of-way. Chair Wicker called for comments from the floor. No one spoke. Chair Wicker called for a motion to close hearing. Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Chair Wicker to close hearing. All in favor, motion carried. After Board discussion and review of Findings of Fact, Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to grant the Variance for encroachment into the setback of the road right-of-way as requested with no conditions. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to adjourn hearing at 7:35 p.m.. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing-Hendricks Sand & Gravel IUP Application: Chair Wicker opened the hearing at 7:35 p.m. . Deputy Clerk Robinson read the legal notice published in the Tri-County News on August 1st and 8th, 2019. Three letters in response to the legal notice were received and read. The purpose of the hearing was to act on an Interim Use Permit Application received from Hendricks Sand and Gravel in regard to a proposed gravel mining operation on 48.05 acres of land owned by Dean M. and Myrna L. Kaskinen, PID 20.11176.0010, which includes stockpiling material and truck hauling. Materials mined will be rock sand fill. Chair Wicker called for comments from the floor. There were none. After open discussion concerning setbacks from property lines, setbacks from residential homes, eventual crushing, buffer zone along highway and access to Hwy. 15, Chair Wicker called for a motion to close hearing. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Chair Wicker to close hearing at 7:45 p.m. After Board discussion and review of Findings of Fact, Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Kuechle to accept the Interim Use Permit Application received from Hendricks Sand & Gravel and to issue an Interim Use Permit to Hendricks Sand & Gravel for a gravel mining operation located at 11475 State Highway 15, Kimball, MN, with conditions including a \$25,000 Bond. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to adjourn hearing at 8:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

There were two (2) Township permits presented for approval:

Marty Nelson	50' X 78' Pole Shed
Jason Capes	10' X 12' Shed

Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Zoning Administrator Froehling to approve permits as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

There were three (3) County permits for approval:

Eric Fink	36' x 48' Residential Accessory Structure
Anthony Verhey	10' x 30' Shed Addition
Jaren Tschida	36' x 82' Home

Old Business:

Stearns County Comprehensive Plan Update-Heidi Winskowski: Heidi Winskowski was present to update the Board on the progress of the Stearns County Comprehensive Plan. Winskowski explained that the Comprehensive Plan sets a path for achieving the County's vision for the future (the year 2040). This plan helps the county staff and county leaders as they make future decisions regarding land use regulations and development, natural resources, parks and trails, and other community resources. The last plan was adopted in 2008 and updated every ten-years to reaffirm the County's goals and policies while evaluating community needs and growth projections.

As part of this effort, the County needs the help of the City or Township in reaffirming the Urban Expansion areas that were identified in the Future Land Use Map. Winskowski indicated the County does not anticipate making any revisions to the Urban

Growth areas unless there is a desire by a City or Township. It is the Board's recommendation to leave the Urban Expansion areas identified on the Future Land Use Map as is at this time. Clerk Hunt to fill out questionnaire and return to Heidi Winskowski at the County noting no change in the Urban Growth areas identified

Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Zoning Administrator Froehling to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Robinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer