

PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES  
Maine Prairie Township  
February 11, 2020

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

Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Zoning Administrator Froehling to approve the January 14, 2020 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Public Hearing-William Ore Variance:** Chair Wicker opened the hearing at 7:00 p.m. Clerk Hunt read the legal notice published in the Tri-County News on January 30 and February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. No comments were received from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an Application for Variance received from William and Catherine Ore to raise the height of the existing 7' cabin walls one foot (1') to match the new addition 8' walls. This change excludes the existing bathroom. The property is located at 9837 Eclipse Road, Kimball, MN, PID 20.11380.0000. There were no comments received from the public. Chair Wicker called for comments from the floor. No one spoke. Chair Wicker called for a motion to close hearing. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Zoning Administrator Froehling to close hearing. All in favor, motion carried. After Board discussion, Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Zoning Administrator Froehling to approve raising the existing cabin walls from 7' to 8' and to grant the Variance as requested with no conditions. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to adjourn hearing at 7:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried

**Review and Approve Permits:** There were no Township permits issued for approval.

**Review County Permits:** There were no County permits issued for approval.

**Review and Approve Utility Permits-Compass Consultants, Inc.-Installing Fiber Optic Line:** - A Public Right-of-Way Application and Permit #2019-01 and a permit fee of \$150.00 was received from Compass Consultants, Inc. in January of 2019. The plan was to install a fiber optic line in the Township in the spring of 2019. Two lines: one on the N. side of 145<sup>th</sup> St. in Section 31, and the other on the S. Side of 175<sup>th</sup> St. in Section 18 which crosses underneath the road to the farm house. The estimated starting date for this project was to be 4/1/219 and the expected completion date to be 12/31/2019. For reasons unbeknownst to the Board, this project has been pushed back one year. The Board suggested that Compass Consultants combine last years' Permit #2019-01 with this year's Utility Permit to create Utility permit #2020-01. Clerk Hunt to contact Ron Keysor of Compass Consultants and request all necessary documentation to support combining both permits. Utility Permit 2020-01 will be added to the March 9 agenda for Board approval.

The Township has also received a Public Right-of-Way Application & Permit along with the \$150 permit fee and maps from Arvig Enterprises Inc. for work Arvig is proposing for installation of a fiber optic line in the Township in the spring of 2020. The work will be performed by Arvig's contractor AEI Construction. Clerk Hunt will request an updated list of roads and more clarification of the maps from Arvig's engineer. The estimated starting date is 4/1/2020 and estimated completion date is 12/31/2020.

**Old Business:**

**Meeker Coop – Utility ROW Permit:** Clerk Hunt will request more detailed information from Meeker’s contractor for the work they will be performing in the Township during 2020. Information will be requested prior to the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Gravel Pit and Dog Kennel Permit:** A letter will be sent to gravel mining operators and landowners who have expired Interim Use Permits advising them that a public hearing will be held at the April meeting for issuance of a new Interim Use Permit with a five-year expiration date. The Adolph and Hendricks Sand & Gravel permits will be extended for a five-year term without holding a public hearing. This is because these two permits were just issued.

No action was taken on the dog kennel permits due to further clarification needed. The Board will review and discuss possible changes to the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance No. 4 and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the April Board meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Zoning Administrator Froehling to adjourn Planning and Zoning meeting at 7:46 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Robinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer