

PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES
Maine Prairie Township
February 9, 2021

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

Motion by Zoning Administrator Froehling/Supervisor Wicker to approve the January 12, 2021 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Knife River Corp. – North Central/Atwood Pit – IUP 2001-05: Knife River's Interim Use Permit 2001-05 expires on December 19, 2022 for this pit. The Bond for this pit expires on January 30, 2021. Knife River has been contacted by Jennifer Buckentine advising that Knife River needs to submit a continuation certificate of the Bond to the County prior to January 25, 2021. Jennifer also advised Knife River that if they plan to continue mining at this pit after December 19, 2022, Knife River can request an amendment to the expiration date of the IUP or request a new IUP. A decision will need to be made as to whether the Township or County will process either the amendment or the new IUP. The Township will contact the County to seek information as to the formula calculation for a Bond that the County uses.

Matt Knutson-Land Split: Knutson's are requesting a Certificate of Compliance to attach Tract B2 which consists of 16.47 acres to Tract B1 consisting of 19.70 acres. Tract A and Tract B will remain as separate parcels. The PID's for these properties are 20.12199.0490 and 20.12199.0390. Both parcels will consist of approximately 40 acres each after the split. There are no buildings on either of these parcels at the present time. Motion by Supervisor Wicker/Zoning Administrator Froehling to grant a Certificate of Compliance for this land split. All in favor, motion carried.

Bill Ore-Variance Approval Needed for County: It is not clear what Mr. Ore is requesting. A phone call was made to Mr. Ore during the meeting to clarify what is needed. Mr. Ore explained that he will be tearing down the existing dwelling and rebuilding a two-story home with a new foundation. The footprint for the new dwelling will be the same as for the existing home. The Ore's will be building up rather than covering more of the lot with a new home. Chair Loewen will check with the County to see if the issue is a setback from the road right-of-way. Motion by Supervisor Wicker/Chair Loewen to approve the variance request presented contingent upon it being for the road setback. All in favor, motion carried.

Review Township and County Permits: There were no Township or County permits to review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Justin Hieserich-Permit Expiration: The Board confirmed at the January 12, 2021, Planning and Zoning meeting, that the Hieserich's did not have a permit for construction of an addition to an existing structure at the property located at 15399 93rd Avenue, Kimball, MN. A cease and desist letter dated 1/15/2021 was mailed to Maureen and Justin Hieserich advising them to stop any further construction to their existing building. In that letter, the Hieserich's were asked to attend this meeting to discuss the issue of construction of an addition to their existing structure without a permit. Supervisor Wicker asked Justin what the size of the addition is. Justin replied that it's 20' x 20' and said the addition is approximately 600 sq. ft. Justin also

stated that the floor has been poured. The question was asked as to what the additional space was going to be used for. Justin stated that plans are for a bathroom in the addition. When asked about plans for a kitchen, Justin confirmed that a kitchen would be included. It is unclear whether a septic system has been installed or whether any plumbing has been done. Justin mentioned that they had a septic permit from the County. The Board questioned whether or not that permit was for this addition or whether it was issued when the Hieserich's obtained a Construction Site Permit issued by the County on 11/14/2019 to build a new home on the property. There was no clear answer to the septic question. The Board informed Maureen that penalties would be imposed for not obtaining a permit which could include a large fine or removing the addition. The Board also informed Maureen that she will need to file an application with the Township for a permit which needs to include drawings of the proposed addition and the intended use thereof. These documents will need to be presented at the Board Meeting on March 2nd. Chair Loewen made it clear to Maureen that this is her property and she is responsible for any permits or issues arising in connection with the property.

Motion by Zoning Administrator Froehling/Supervisor Wicker to adjourn Planning and Zoning meeting at 7:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Robinson
Deputy Clerk