

PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES  
Maine Prairie Township  
July 8, 2025

Planning and Zoning Meeting opened at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Zoning Administrator Froehling/Supervisor Loewen to approve the June 10, 2025 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Fox Haven Farms, Ben Fox – Conditional Use Permit:** Mr. Fox presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit to build a 150' x 80' storage building on his property located at 12287 State Highway 15, Kimball, PID 20.11176.0040. The purpose for the permit is to store fiber bales and complete the first stage of drying and processing before moving the product to his location in the City of Kimball. A Public Hearing is scheduled for August 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm. to proceed with the request. Letters will be sent to residents within ¼ mile of the property notifying them of the public hearing as well as notification of the Hearing to Stearns County Environmental Services and MnDot.

**Erick Berscheid, Angie Berg – Zoning:** Angie Berg from Environmental Services presented a summary and information from a meeting held with Erick on June 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to bring Erick's business into compliance with Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance 439. Angie suggested the best option is for issuance of a Conditional Use Permit under the administrative requirement of Section 4.8 and standards of Section 6.38 of County Ordinance 439 Limited Rural Business. This Conditional Use Permit would be issued and enforced by the Township, with the Township setting the conditions and parameters of the Permit. There was a brief discussion in which the Board shared with Erick their concerns of damage to the Township roads caused by the high truck traffic, which will be considered when setting up the permit. At present, the business operates with approximately 27 trucks, 5 which are owned by Erick and 22 owner/operator trucks. While they want Erick to be able to operate a successful business, they will be looking out for the best interest of the Township. Erick said that most of the trucks traveling on the Township Roads are empty, and the number of trucks will be less in the future, as he is in the process of auctioning off excess trucks and trailers. The Board requested Erick return to the August meeting with a business plan/model and the Board will work with him to set the requirements.

**Township Permits:** There was one Township Permit presented for approval:

Bruce Rokala            17' x 30' Chicken Coop

**County Permits:** There were two permits issued by the County in May:

Rick Hartmann        9' x 4' & 5' x 4' Dormers

Kiffmeyer Trust        5<sup>th</sup> Wheel RV  
2 Storage Containers 20' x 8'

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business for discussion

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Nelson, Clerk/Treasurer