

PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES  
Maine Prairie Township  
June 14, 2022

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

Motion by Supervisor Kuechle seconded by Planning Zoning Administrator to approve the May 10, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Zipoy Property – Requesting a Variance to allow a Septic System in the Utilities Easement- PID# 20.12148.0000:** Tim Zipoy along with Bernie Miller were in attendance to discuss a septic system upgrade on this parcel. The proposed location of the septic system is outside of the ROW of Badger Rd. However, the proposed location lies partly in a utility easement. After discussion, the board agreed to allow encroachment into the utility easement. Supervisor Loewen moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement to allow the septic in the utilities easement. Seconded by Supervisor Kuechle. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Loewen to request legal counsel work with Clerk Hunt on the Encroachment Agreement.

**Jeff Schmitz – Requesting a Variance for Setbacks PID#20.11969.0005:** Jeff Schmitz was present to discuss a Road Setback Variance to build a 30' X 50' shed in the ROW. Schmitz would like to build at the edge of the property line and go towards the road. Schmitz would like to build ten (10) feet closer to the road due to the location of the Stearns Electric power lines as well as less impact on the wetland.

The board to meet on site to determine where the setback is from the center of the road. This will determine if a Road Setback Variance is necessary.

Review and Approve Township Permits: None

**Review County Permits:** One (1) County permit was received for review as follows:

Julie Hill      126' X 40' House, Attached Garage, 4-Season Porch

**Old Business:**

**VRBO Moratorium:** The Board of Supervisors met on Monday with legal counsel to discuss the VRBO Moratorium. Some of the concerns addressed were as follows:

- Enforcement
- Lot Size
- How many people/septic size
- Noise
- Parking

The County will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 to consider enactment of Ordinance Number 640, an Ordinance amending Stearns County Ordinance #439 related to Vacation/Private Home Rentals.

The board encourages residents to get input into the county relaying concerns.

Motion by Zoning Administrator Froehling/Supervisor Loewen to adjourn Planning and Zoning at 7:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hunt  
Clerk/Treasurer