

PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES
Maine Prairie Township
May 12, 2020

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

Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Wicker to approve the April 14, 2020 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Maureen Hieserich – Rezoning, PID#20.11685.0014: Maureen and Justin Hieserich appeared before the Board requesting a Rezoning Recommendation to rezone one (1) acre from the A-40 zoning district to the commercial zoning district. On this property is a 50' X 100' storage shed. It is the Hieserich's intention to use half of the building for storage and the other half for commercial use running a mechanic business. Maureen Hieserich will own the property and her son Justin will pay rent. Several residents residing in the subject neighborhood were in attendance and had written three (3) letters in opposition to the issuance of the rezoning recommendation. Loewen informed the Heiserichs and those in attendance that what the board will be doing will be recommending approval of the rezoning request or recommending denial of the zoning request. Ultimately, it will be the Counties decision to rezone. Wicker/Kuechle moved to deny the rezoning recommendation request submitted by Maureen Hieserich. Motion carried unanimously. The Board recommends denial of the proposed zoning based on the following reasons: The area is primarily zoned residential (R-1, R-5, and R-10). Powder Ridge Ski Corporation has some commercial zoning, primarily just the buildings and parking lot. The Board felt the CUP process would be a better option than spot zoning. Loewen stated that the Heiserich's can reapply for a CUP one year from the date of denial which was July 9, 2019.

Ben Stockinger/Administrative Split – PID#20.11262.0000: Ben is seeking approval for an Administrative Subdivision. Ben is splitting off twenty (20) acres from the rest of the land purchased surrounding it. After Board discussion, Supervisor Wicker moved to grant a Certificate of Compliance to Stockinger for this split. Seconded by Supervisor Kuechle. All in favor, motion carried.

Northern Natural Gas – Setback for Chain Link Fencing: An agent on behalf of the Northern Natural Gas Company has contacted Maine Prairie Township regarding required setback from roadway for a chain link fence. A 50' X 100' permanent easement will accommodate above ground piping for the launcher/receiver unit to be used in monitoring/maintaining a segment of Northern's natural pipeline. No buildings will be constructed at this site. Northern encloses their facility with chain link fence at the 50' X 100' perimeter. Northern Natural gas Company needs verification as to whether the fencing should be 63 feet from the center line of roadway or 63' from the edge of the road right of way. This will determine if a variance application with Maine Prairie Township may be needed. Loewen to contact the company's agent.

Review and Approve Permits: Three (3) permits were issued as follows:

Ben Fox	20' X 40' Inground Swimming Pool	\$50.00
Joseph Zwack	Addition on House; 30' X 36' Garage	\$50.00
Mark Beck	30' X 44' Shed w/9'Sidewalls	\$50.00

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

Review County Permits:

One County permit was received for review:

JD Rae Jorgenson 10' X 16' Breezeway Addition and 20'x40' Attached Garage

Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/ Wicker to adjourn Planning and Zoning meeting at 7:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hunt
Clerk/Treasurer