

Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
November 12, 2019

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

Motion by Zoning Administrator Froehling/Supervisor Loewen to approve the October 8, 2019 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Knife River Interim Use Permit Public Hearing: Chair Wicker opened the hearing with Clerk Hunt reading the legal notice published in the Tri-County News on October 31 and November 7, 2019 informing residents of the public hearing. There were no calls or letters received concerning the legal notice. The purpose of the hearing was to act on an Interim Use Permit Application received from Knife River Corporation in regard to a proposed gravel mining operation on 25 acres of land owned by John and Tamilee Adolph, PID 20.11744.0000, which includes stockpiling material and truck hauling. Materials mined will be sand, gravel and rock. Knife River is proposing a nine (9) year permit. Chair Wicker called for comments from the floor. Chair Wicker called on representatives Ron Klinker and Holly Brisk, Knife River Corporation, to review what Knife River is proposing for the site. Klinker explained that Knife River will be gravel mining approximately 25 acres, which will be an extension of the State and Sommers pit. Once mining is exhausted in the State and Sommers pit, mining will move from east to west into the Adolph pit. Chair Wicker called for questions and concerns from the floor. Two property owners residing along State Highway 15 north of the property voiced their concerns about the noise, dust, hours of operation and setback requirements to the north and northwest of the property. Representative Klinker stated that the State of Minnesota conducts sound level requirements to which Knife River adheres to the decibel standard. Klinker also stated that calcium chloride would be applied to minimize dust. Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Supervisor Loewen to close the hearing at 7:30 p.m. All in favor motion carried. The concerns by the Board during discussion and Findings of Facts was processing and mining setbacks, hours of operation, and establishing a vegetative buffer along State Highway 15 and 150th Street. Hearing reopened. Motion by Supervisor Kuechle/Supervisor Loewen to grant the Interim Use Permit to Knife River Corporation with conditions as set forth in the permit. All in favor, motion carried. The permit will expire on 12/31/2020. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Kuechle to adjourn the hearing at 7:40. All in favor, motion carried.

Land Split/Michael Sliter-PID#20.11176.0025: This matter will be tabled until the December 10th Planning and Zoning meeting.

Land Split/Harold Walz-PID#20.11431.0080: Harold Walz was present to discuss the potential sale of two parcels of land, 83 acres and 16 acres respectively, owned by Harold Walz. Walz was inquiring of the Board of any restrictions on land splits in the Township. There are no building entitlements on either parcel. Walz is looking to sell both field acre parcels as

non-buildable to any interested parties. Walz plans on keeping the homestead which is made up of about 20 acres separate from the land split. No action was taken at this time

There were no Township permits presented for approval.

There were two (2) County permits for review:

Aaron & Lisa Hennen	12' X 106' Ground Mounted 25.6kW Solar
Array	
Richard & Julia Janssen	New Cabin 42 X 28

There being no further business, motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hunt
Clerk/Treasurer