

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, February 3, 2020

Minutes

Public Hearings

On February 3, 6:00 p.m., Chairman Tom Braun called the public meeting to order.

- Planning Commission members present: Tom Braun, Kathy Stoeckel, Cyndi MacDonald, Cheryl Schimming, and Tanya Lundberg
- Planning Commission member absent: Tari Zortman.
- Also present: Town Board Liaison Dave Persing, Township Clerk-Treasurer Doug Dahl, and Township Zoning Administrator Scott Richards.

Public Hearing 1: Amendments to Zoning Ordinance: Event Venues & Agritourism

Scott Richards presented two proposed drafts of the final wording for the Event Venue and Agritourism section of the Zoning Ordinance. Draft 1 included language for two types of permits, conditional and interim, depending on the type of activity. Draft 2 presented language to place all relevant activities under conditional use permits.

Public Hearing 2: Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance: Solar-Energy Systems

Scott Richards presented his proposed final draft of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for solar-energy systems.

Public Hearing 3: Preliminary Plat for Silver Lake Oaks

Final discussion of the plan requires public notice to nearby residents who may be affected by the plan, inviting them to a public hearing. Members agreed to continue the public hearing to February 18 to allow for the notice to go out to the list of residents.

Public meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m.

Regular Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman Braun called the regular monthly meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Tom Braun proposed adding an item to the agenda: Report from Princeton City Zoning Specialist MaryLou DeWitt on the city's work toward updating its comprehensive plan.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition. Seconded by Tanya Lundberg. Motion carried.

Cheryl Schimming noted an error in the January 6 minutes: Meeting called to order by Tari Zortman, not Cheryl Schimming.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to approve the January 6 minutes as amended. Seconded by Cyndi MacDonald. Motion Carried.

City of Princeton Comprehensive Plan

MaryLou DeWitt brought a sketch map outlining the city's broad concept for updates to its comprehensive plan. The plan entails potential implications for Princeton Township as it envisions expanding areas for both commercial and residential development, as well as upgrades to the road system. The city is holding a public hearing on the plan Monday, February 24. Information will be published in the Union-Times.

Boundary Line Adjustment/Lot Split: Silver Lake Oaks, County Road 117/Aspen Road

The property included in the Silver Lake Oaks project consists of three parcels: A, B, & C. Parcel C is across Aspen Road, and is not part of the current development. Accordingly, the owner is requesting a lot split to remove Parcel C from the Silver Lake Oaks plat. Scott Richards recommended approval of the split.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to recommend approval to the Township Board. Tanya Lundberg seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion of Sketch Plan for Silver Lake Oaks

Per the public hearing, Kathy Stoeckel moved to continue the Silver Lake Oaks discussion to February 18, 6:30 p.m., at the township hall. Seconded by Tanya Lundberg. Motion carried.

Discussion of Event Venue Regulations

Cheryl Schimming moved to recommend approval of Draft 2—all under conditional use, changing wording of the property condition from “homesteaded” to “owned”—to the Township Board. Seconded by Tanya Lundberg. Motion carried.

Discussion of Solar-Energy Systems Regulations

Kathy Stoeckel moved to recommend approval of the solar-energy systems draft to the Township Board. Seconded by Cyndi MacDonald. Motion carried.

Open Forum

Joel Minks spoke in favor of the conditional-use permit approach to the regulations under discussion. He commended the Planning Commission for taking action to move the projects along.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dahl
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Jesse Jondahl, Joss Jondahl, Craig Wensmann, Joel Minks, Jenny Kick, Jason Betzler, MaryLou DeWitt