

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Planning Commission Meeting Continuation

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Minutes

Public Hearing

On February 18, 6:30 p.m., Tari Zortman called the public meeting to order.

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

Public Hearing: Preliminary Plat for Silver Lake Oaks

Several neighboring residents appeared in response to the notification letter. Several voiced concerns about the proposed development. Concerns centered on essential changes to the character of the neighborhood, potential damage to area wetlands, increased danger to vehicles and walkers from increased traffic on Aspen Road, potential endangerment of native wildlife, and the question of adequate studies and surveys.

The developers' survey engineer explained the work that had been done to satisfy all the survey and research requirements of the MPCA, the DNR, and other government agencies. He noted changes that had been made to the plan to comply with directions coming from the various agencies. He emphasized that all requirements of the zoning ordinance had been met and/or exceeded.

Zoning Administrator Scott Richards confirmed that the plan meets or exceeds all requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Public hearing concluded at 7:08 p.m.

Attendees: Jeanne Wilson, Ralph Wilson, Jackie Hansen, Jim Hansen, Jared Shaw, Paula Gliddon, Jeff Sartell, Karen Sartell, Joel Minks, Randy Pelletier, Ron Gensler, Shelley Gensler, Gene Stoeckel, Joss Jondahl, Jesse Jondahl, Craig Wensmann, Ken Henchen, Todd McLouth, Mitch McCullough, Crissy McCullough, Greg Hanson, Carol Hanson, Valerie [unclear], Daniel Whitcomb

Regular Meeting

At 7:10 p.m. Tari Zortman called the continuation meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Cheryl Schimming moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tanya Lundberg. Motion carried.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to approve the February 3 meeting minutes. Seconded by Cyndi MacDonald. Motion Carried.

Discussion of Preliminary Plat for Silver Lake Oaks

Members noted the objection from attendees that the open hearing letter had not given them sufficient notification, despite it having complied with all notification requirements. In view of the objections raised by residents, commission members favored postponing a final decision until the March meeting.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to table action on the issue until the March 2 meeting. Seconded by Cyndi MacDonald. Motion carried: 3 yea, 2 nay.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to adjourn. Seconded by Cheryl Schimming. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dahl
Clerk/Treasurer