

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2020

Minutes

Public Hearings

On June 1, 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Chair Cyndi MacDonald called the public meeting to order.

Planning Commission members present: Cyndi MacDonald, Dave Persing, Cheryl Schimming, Kathy Stoeckel, Carol Whitcomb

Planning Commission member absent: Tari Zortman

Also joining: Township Zoning Administrator Scott Richards, Clerk-Treasurer Doug Dahl

Public Hearing 1: Don Larson Variance Application

Mr. Larson withdrew his application.

Public Hearing 2: Jennifer Kick—Conditional Use Permit for an Event Venue/Agritourism Event

Scott Richards presented the planning report for the Silver Creek Farm event to include a u-pick pumpkin patch, hayride, and corn maze.

Carol Whitcomb noted that the u-pick pumpkin patch activities are covered by the gardening section of the Minnesota Constitution, and need not be included in the conditional-use permit. She suggested removing that provision to avoid setting a precedent.

Public meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m.

Regular Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. Cyndi MacDonald called the regular monthly meeting to order.

All participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Scott Richards noted that Don Larson had withdrawn his application for variance, and that Scott Moller had asked to be removed from this month's agenda and continued to the June Planning Commission meeting.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Carol Whitcomb. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of May 4, 2020 Meeting

Dave Persing moved to approve the minutes of the May 4 meeting. Seconded by Carol Whitcomb. Motion carried.

Silver Creek Conditional Use Permit

Carol Whitcomb moved to remove the u-pick pumpkin patch element from the conditional-use permit. Seconded by Dave Persing. Motion carried.

Dave Persing moved to approve the permit with the conditions stated in the Zoning report. Seconded by Cheryl Schimming. Motion Carried.

Final Plat—Silver Lake Oaks

Scott Richards presented his summary report of the Silver Lake Oaks final plat. Mr. Richards agreed to add the contractor to the clean-up responsibility in Condition 18.

Dave Persing moved to approve the final plat with the stated conditions and the change to Condition 18. Seconded by Carol Whitcomb. Motion carried.

Sketch Plan Review: Kirk Studebaker

Kirk Studebaker has made application for a Sketch Plan located on the east side of Silver Lake in Section 26 at 6588 Alpine Road. Mr. Richards recommended moving the plan to the Town Board.

Kathy Stoeckel moved to present the sketch plan to the Town Board. Seconded by Dave Persing. Motion carried.

Sketch Plan Review: Scott Moller

Cheryl Schimming moved to continue review of the Moller sketch plan to the July Planning Commission meeting. Seconded by Dave Persing. Motion carried.

Subdivision Ordinance

Mr. Richards summarized the background of the discussion on the subdivision ordinance. He noted that he had not called for a public hearing on the revisions because they were still in flux. However, he said he will have the ordinance ready for a public hearing at the July meeting.

Dave Persing moved to schedule a public hearing on the ordinance amendments for the July Planning Commission meeting. Seconded by Carol Whitcomb. Motion carried.

Open Forum

Participants discussed the Moller sketch plan as well as the advisability of rural developments in general.

Carol Whitcomb moved to close Open Forum. Seconded by Dave Persing. Motion carried.

Dave Persing moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kathy Stoeckel. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dahl
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Jenny Kick, Nancy Moan, Craig Wensmann, Jesse Jondahl, Joss Jondahl, Kirk Studebaker, Jason Betzler, Curt Strombeck