

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Minutes

Public Hearings

On September 8, 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Chair Cyndi MacDonald called the public meeting to order.

Planning Commission members present: Cyndi MacDonald, David Persing, Kathy Stoeckel, Cheryl Schimming, Carol Whitcomb, Tari Zortman

Also joining: Township Board Liaison Dan Hiller, Township Zoning Administrator Scott Richards, Township Clerk Doug Dahl

Public Hearing: Alphyn Machinery LLC Interim Use Permit

Scott Richards summarized the application: Thomas Duden of Alphyn Machinery LLC has made application for an Interim Use Permit for a home occupation for the rental of machinery and equipment at the family farm at 9014 45th Street. Mr. Duden is looking to supplement their farm income to include the rental of equipment. Township resident Joel Minks spoke in favor of the project, noting that the activity will have no impact on adjacent farmland.

Public Hearing: Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Amendments—Continued from 8-3 meeting

Scott Richards summarized proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance covering lot width, cul-de sacs, minimum buildable acres, and subdivision process emphasizing ways to make the process less complicated for simple lot splits and adjustments that could be done administratively.

Public hearing concluded at 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

At 6:35 p.m. Planning Commission Chair Cyndi MacDonald called the regular monthly meeting to order.

All participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda

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

Open Forum

Open forum discussion centered around managing development in the township with special consideration of its impact on road maintenance.

Approve Minutes of August 3, 2020 Meeting

Kathy Stoeckel moved to approve the minutes of the August 3 meeting. Seconded by Tari Zortman. Motion carried.

Alphyn Machinery LLC Interim Use Permit

Mr. Richards recommended approval of the permit.

Carol Whitcomb moved to approve the application. Seconded by Cheryl Schimming. Motion Carried.

Land-Use and Zoning Study—Sections 27 & 34

Mr. Richards reviewed his report from the open hearing. He recommended that the study area encompass all of the area zoned R-2 in Sections 27 and 34 as well as that area directly to the north to County Road 1.

Carol Whitcomb moved to authorize Mr. Richards to proceed with the planning study for Sections 27 & 34 based on the study area noted in the planning report. Seconded by Cyndi MacDonald. Motion carried.

Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Amendments

Kathy Stoeckel moved to recommend the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Amendments to the township board. Seconded by Cyndi MacDonald. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Dave Persing moved to adjourn. Seconded by Tari Zortman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dahl
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Thomas Duden, Joel Minks, Scott Moller, Kevin Walz, Craig Wensmann