

**Princeton Township**  
**Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**                      **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**Public Hearing**

At 6:30 p.m., Chair Dave Persing called the public hearing to order.

**Commission members present:** Dave Hagstrom Dave Persing, Steve Pflieger, Cheryl Schimming, Kathy Stoeckel, Carol Whitcomb; Town Board Liaison John Wilhelm

**Staff present:** Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Gerrard, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards

**Public in-person attendees:** Alan Arendsee, Theresa Arendsee, Joel Minks, Nancy Moan

**Online attendees:** None

**Request by Alan and Theresa Arendsee for a Conditional Use Permit**

Zoning Administrator Richards presented the Arendsee application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a dog kennel at 9795 18<sup>th</sup> Street/County Road 31. The property is zoned C/I—Commercial/Industrial. Permitted uses do not specifically include dogs, but do include other forms of livestock. The parcel is part of a planned annexation by the City of Princeton.

Steve Pflieger moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Carol Whitcomb. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

At 6:45 p.m., Chair Dave Persing called the regular meeting to order.

All Participants recited the pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Agenda**

Carol Whitcomb moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steve Pflieger. Motion carried.

**Open Forum**

No participation in Open Forum.

**Approve Minutes of May 2, 2022 Meeting**

Ms. Schimming moved to approve the minutes of the May 2 meeting. Seconded by Kathy Stoeckel. Motion carried.

### **Request by Alan and Theresa Arendsee for a Conditional Use Permit**

Mr. Richards presented draft Resolution 2022-7 approving a Conditional Use Permit for Alan and Theresa Arendsee to establish a dog kennel at 9795 18<sup>th</sup> Street/County Road 31.

Ms. Whitcomb objected to the CUP on the basis that it had not been properly signed by the property owner: the signature line showed the name of the corporation that owns the land, but no signature from an individual. She further objected that the owner entity is Cardinal Land Services. One of the principals of the entity, Scott Moller, owes the Township for charges exceeding his posted escrow on a previous project.

Members determined that the signature objection was incidental, and that the Township would likely invite a legal battle with Mr. Moller if it tried to withhold approval of the CUP against payment for charges incurred in a different project under a different company. In addition, the clerk had notified the Zoning Administrator that he had not delivered an invoice to Mr. Moller until the issue came up that day.

Mr. Pflieger moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2022-7 granting a Conditional Use permit for Alan and Theresa Arendsee with conditions specified in the Resolution, plus two additional conditions: 1) the applicants will live in the house and operate the kennel at the subject property; 2) the applicants are able to close on the purchase of the property. Seconded by Ms. Schimming. Motion carried 5-1 with Ms. Whitcomb voting no.

### **Election of Planning Commission Chair and Vice-Chair**

Ms. Stoeckel moved to appoint Dave Persing as Chair and Cheryl Schimming as Vice-Chair through the current Planning Commission term. Seconded by Steve Pflieger. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

Ms. Stoeckel moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Pflieger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.