

Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Planning Commission Meeting **Monday, July 11, 2022**
Minutes

Regular Meeting

At 6:30 p.m., Chair Dave Persing called the regular meeting to order.

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

Member absent: Steve Pflerhaar

Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Doug Dahl, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards

Public in-person attendees: None

Online attendees: None

All Participants recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda

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

Open Forum

None.

Approve Minutes of June 6, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Schimming moved to approve the minutes of the June 6 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Whitcomb. Motion carried.

Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Related to Setbacks and Accessory Buildings

The Town Board, at its June 21 meeting, discussed the proposed amendments and suggested some changes to the limitations on square footage of detached buildings. They also discussed if temporary accessory structures should be regulated the same as permanent structures. They sent the proposed amendments back to the Planning Commission with suggestions for revisions.

Mr. Richards proposed revising the definition of accessory building to include the language "...and is constructed on a permanent foundation or as a temporary structure without a foundation."

Mr. Richards proposed an exception to the 20-foot side-yard setback for lots with one side adjacent to a public road in the R1, R2, and RR districts. In those cases, he proposed retaining the 35-foot side-yard setback.

Members also brought up the question of temporary structures such as shelters for children waiting for the school bus or produce stands which need to be closer to the road than the 35-foot setback would permit. They suggested including those as specific exceptions to the 35-foot rule.

Ms. Whitcomb moved to recommend the ordinance amendments to the Town Board with the changes requested by the Town Board, the revision of the definition of accessory building to include those constructed without a foundation, the exception to the side-yard setback applied to corner lots, and the setback exemptions for bus shelters and produce stands. Seconded by Mr. Hagstrom. Motion carried.

Recreational Vehicles

Scott Wehr has parked a camper on his property on 6th Street and 75th Avenue. He approached the Town Board at its June 21 meeting seeking guidance for his ability to keep the camper on his lot. Since the Township has no ordinance governing campers or recreational vehicles, they asked Mr. Richards to bring up the issue with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Richards offered some examples of recreational-vehicle regulations from other jurisdictions. The one that seemed simplest, clearest, and most applicable to the Township was the Sherburn County ordinance.

After a brief discussion of the question, members instructed Mr. Richards to prepare a draft for consideration at the August meeting.

Adjourn

Ms. Stoeckel moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Whitcomb. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dahl
Clerk-Treasurer