

Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Planning Commission Meeting **Monday, May 1, 2023**
Minutes

Commission members present: Dave Persing, Dave Hagstrom, Steve Pflerhaar, Sara Rutten, Kathy Stoeckel, Liaison Mike Bishman

Commission member absent: Cheryl Schimming

Staff present: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Terry Pflerhaar, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards

Public in-person attendees: Charlie Christensen, Lance Erickson, Jere Lundberg, Nicole Lundberg, Joel Minks, Nancy Moan, Mike Reger, Rosie Reger, Cheryl Shraeder, Joan Stearns, Dan Thorsbakken, David Toth, Eric Toth, Craig Wensmann, Tyler Wiemann

Online attendees: One unidentified

Public Hearing

At 6:00 p.m., Chair David Persing called the Public Hearing to order.

Lundberg Century Farms:

Zoning Administrator Scott Richards reviewed the application from Nicole Lundberg for a Preliminary Plat/Final Plat for Lundberg Century Farms on 60th Street (County Road No. 19). The subdivision consists of moving a portion of the north property line to accommodate the construction of a dwelling. There were no public comments at this time.

West Rum Reger Acres: Zoning Administrator Scott Richards reviewed the application from Michael Reger for a Preliminary/Final Plat-West Rum Reger Acres located south of 65th Street on 110th Avenue/County Road 149. The proposed subdivision consists of five lots on a total of 84.76 acres.

Eric Toth stated that he and his brother David have an adjoining farm. While they do not object to the development, they asked that the ditch and outlet will not be altered. They presently have a verbal agreement with Mr. Reger that the Toth family may continue to maintain the ditch and outlet. Craig Wensmann stated that Mr. Reger asked him to make it ready for easement. Lance Erickson vouched for the Toths, stating that they have been properly maintaining the ditch.

Charlie Christensen stated his children and grandchildren live near the proposed development, and asked that Princeton Township approve the application with the following requirements to be completed by the developer:

- a. Widen the road from 16 ft to 22 ft.
- b. Install a "Children at Play" sign prior to development.
- c. Install a tree buffer on the south side of the development.

Recreational Vehicles:

Zoning Administrator Scott Richards reviewed the ongoing discussion of regulations for campers. At the last meeting, Planning Commissioners had asked him to publish a public hearing for the consideration of amending the Zoning Ordinance. There were no public comments at this time.

Chickens:

Zoning Administrator Scott Richards reviewed the ongoing discussion of allowing chickens in the R1 and R2 Residential Districts. At the last meeting, Planning Commissioners had asked him to publish a public hearing for the consideration of amending the Zoning Ordinance. There were no public comments at this time.

Public hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

All Participants recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Mr. Pflieger moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Hagstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes of April 11, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Pflieger moved to approve the minutes of the April 11 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Stoeckel. Motion carried unanimously.

Lundberg Century Farms Preliminary Plat/Final Plat:

Mr. Richards presented the application from Nicole Lundberg for a Preliminary Plat/Final Plat for Lundberg Century Farms on 60th Street (County Road No. 19). The subdivision consists of moving a portion of the north property line to accommodate the construction of a dwelling.

Ms. Stoeckel moved to present this to the Town Board at the May 16th meeting. Mr. Pflieger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

West Rum Reger Acres: Zoning Administrator Scott Richards reviewed the application from Michael Reger for a Preliminary/Final Plat-West Rum Reger Acres located south of 65th Street on 110th Avenue/County Road 149. The proposed subdivision consists of five lots on a total of 84.76 acres.

Mr. Pflieger moved to recommend the application is presented to the Town Board at their May 16th meeting with the conditions that they consider the following requirements to be completed by the developer:

- a. Widen the road from 16 ft to 22 ft.
- b. Install a "Children at Play" sign prior to development.
- c. Install a tree buffer on the south side of the development.

Ms. Stoeckel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreational Vehicles:

The Commission is considering revisions to the ordinance governing public campgrounds and storage of recreational vehicles on private property. To comply with

County regulations, the Township cannot allow recreational vehicles or campgrounds in the River Conservation District. The draft ordinance specifies regulations for recreational vehicles in the Agricultural Conservation District and the Rural Residential Districts.

Mr. Pflieger moved to recommend this is presented to the Town Board at their May 16th meeting. Mr. Hagstrom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chickens:

Zoning Administrator Scott Richards reviewed the ongoing discussion of allowing chickens in the R1 and R2 Residential Districts. This is not allowed by Mille Lacs County, and as the Township is trying to be consistent with the County, this would not be allowed in those districts. Mr. Hagstrom stated he had spoken with the County Administrator, and he would like the Township to reconsider this. Mr. Richards volunteered to speak with the Town Attorney about the situation.

Mr. Hagstrom moved to keep the public hearing open and continue discussion at the next meeting, after Mr. Richards speaks with the Town Attorney. Seconded by Ms. Rutten. Motion carried unanimously.

County Development Ordinance/Township Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Richards recommended conducting a comprehensive review of County and Township ordinances to find and resolve any places where the Township is less restrictive than the County. He stated that the staff is updating the Ordinances with new ordinances from the past three years. Once this is done, paper copies will be made for all Planning Commission and Town Board members, so the Planning Commission sub-committee can begin to work on reconciling where the Town Ordinances are less restrictive than the County Ordinances.

Adjourn

Mr. Hagstrom moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Pflieger
Clerk-Treasurer