

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Planning Commission Meeting**

Monday, May 5, 2025

Minutes

Commission members present: Dave Persing, Cheryl Schimming, Kathy Stoeckel, Sara Rutten, Steve Pfliegaar.

Commission member absent: Dave Hagstrom, Liaison Eugene Stoeckel.

Staff present: Clerk Tandra Langfeld, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards

Public in-person attendees: Joel Minks, Tia Meyer, Jeff Smith, Paul Callender, Pamela Callender, Jim Goetsch.

Public Hearing

Commission Chairman Dave Persing opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

The Purpose of the hearing was to consider a request by Debra and Dustin Hoffman for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a second single family homestead at 1474 Alpha Road/County Road 1.

Scott Richards reviewed the application. The second dwelling would allow grandparents to live on property close to family. The building would be 30x50(1,500) square foot structure with a two-bedroom living quarters. The property is zoned Residential R2 District in which a second single family dwelling is allowed for a homestead with issuance of a Conditional Use Permit.

No one from the public wanted to speak.

Commission Chairman Dave Persing closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Public Hearing

Commission Chairman Dave Persing opened the public hearing at 6:05.

The Purpose of this hearing is to consider Noise regulations in section 700:240-Addition of Reference to Minnesota Administrative Rules.

Scott Richards gave the background on the recent noise complaints in the Township. Township's noise ordinance and suggested the Township include reference to Minnesota Administrative rules related to noise limitations throughout the state. These regulations are in place statewide and can be enforced even if the Township does not have the reference in its code. Staff would recommend adding a reference so that a person seeking guidance on noise regulations in the Zoning Ordinance will be aware of the state rules.

Public Forum

Jim Goestch spoke about the noise coming from the neighbors and concerns the Sheriffs Department won't do anything.

Joel Minks said it was discussed at length at the last Town board meeting. He wanted to put the reference to the state rules in the ordinance.

Jeff Smith lives eighth of a mile from said resident in the noise complaint. He played a video to demonstrate the noise level. He was concerned about the multiple campers on the property.

A letter from Tina Bolda was read in support of the amendment to add the State rule verbiage.

Commission Chair Dave Persing closed the public hearing at 6:13.

Regular Meeting

At 6:15 p.m., Chair Dave Persing called the regular meeting to order.

All Participants recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Steve Pflieger moved to approve the agenda. Second, by Cheryl Schimming. Motion carried.

Open Forum

There were no issues in Open Forum.

Approve Minutes of April 7, 2025 Meeting

Cheryl Schimming moved to approve the minutes of the April 7th meeting. Seconded by Kathy Stoeckel. Motion carried

Consideration of Conditional Use Permit to allow a second single family homestead at 1474 Alpha Road.

Scott Richards summarized the CUP. There was discussion about a driveway to the new home.

Kathy Stoeckel motioned to move the CUP to the Town Board. Second, by Steve Pflieger. Motion carried.

Consideration of Noise Regulation in Section 700:240 – Addition of Reference to Minnesota Administrative Rules

Kathy Stoeckel motioned to move the public nuisance and noise ordinance to the Town Board for final completion adding the state bold verbiage. Second by Sara Rutten. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Steve Pflieger moved to adjourn. Second, by Cheryl Schimming. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tandra Langfeld, Clerk