

**NOTE THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON
TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION HAS BEEN MOVED TO
DECEMBER 8, 2025**

**PRINCETON TOWNSHIP
MILLE LACS COUNTY, MN**

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**December 8, 2025
Princeton Township Town Hall**

Present: Dave Hagstrom, Kathy Stoeckel, Dave Persing, Sara Rutten, Cheryl Schimming, Steve Pfleghaar

Public Hearings – (6:00)

- None

Regular Meeting – (6:00)

- Call Regular Meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
 - Commissioner Schimming Motion Commissioner Pfleghaar Seconded
 - Passed unanimously
- Open Forum (3 minutes)
 - **Public Comment:** The Commission was also provided with 2 petitions to not allow the new development. 8 letters were also given to the Chair.
 - Summary: Majority of the residents who attended the meeting and spoke shared the same opinion and concerns on the traffic that would be on the current roads. Also, the current concerns with County Road 1 and how that road won't be able to handle the traffic. Residents also shared the same concern of water in the area and if the wells will be able to sustain more houses in the area. They do not want this large development. They want it to stay agriculture and preserve farming in the community. Residents who have homes near the

ends of cul-de-sac said that they did not buy their home because it would become a road but because it was enticing to them that it was at the end of a cul-de-sac. There are also concerns of resources in the Princeton community, which are already overwhelmed. The development would make it even worse for the current residents of the Township and the City.

- Mr. Cook: He explained that he is not going to just put in houses. He has to have all the approvals before he is allowed to build. He has the Corps of Engineers come out and tell him where things can and can't go, how things need to be placed in some cases. The Township needs to grow; we don't want to be a bypass community. Also he spoke to how much water would be used per family vs a farmer. When it comes to septic, the County of Mille Lacs they handle all of it, if they say no to something then it's a no and he moves on.
- Brittany Jirik: She reads her letter that was given to the Commissioners
- Commissioner Pfleghaar motions to close, Commissioner Schimming seconds
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Approve Minutes of Meeting – November 3, 2025
 - Moved to next meeting
- Consider an Application from Nate and Korine Cook for a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendment from AC Agriculture Conservation to R-1 Residential in Section 26, South of 30th Street/County Road 1 at 70th Avenue
 - Commissioner Pfleghaar makes the motion, Commissioner Hagstrom seconds to approve Application from Nate and Korine Cook for a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendment from AC Agriculture Conservation to R-1 Residential in Section 26, South of 30th Street/County Road 1 at 70th Avenue
 - Commissioner Stoeckel: No
 - Commissioner Rutten: No

- Commissioner Persing: No
- Commissioner Hagstrom: Yes
- Commissioner Pfleghaar: Yes
- Commissioner Schimming: Yes
- Does not Pass 3 to 3
- Commissioner Stoeckel makes the motion and Commissioner Rutten seconds to deny the application from Nate and Korine Cook for a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendment from AC Agriculture Conservation to R-1 Residential in Section 26, South of 30th Street/County Road 1 at 70th Avenue
- Commissioner Stoeckel: Yes
- Commissioner Rutten: Yes
- Commissioner Persing: Yes
- Steve Commissioner Pfleghaar: No
- Commissioner Hagstrom: No
- Commissioner Schimming: No
- Does not pass 3 to 3
- Commissioner Persing makes a motion to ask the board to update the Comprehensive Plan for the Township, to guide them better. Commissioner Pfleghaar seconds
- Motion passed unanimously

Adjourn 7:05 pm

Commissioner Pfleghaar made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Stoeckel seconds

- Motion passed unanimously