

# EUREKA TOWNSHIP

DAKOTA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020

### **Call to Order**

The Eureka Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chair Ralph Fredlund.

Members Present: Ralph Fredlund (Chair)  
Bill Funk (Vice Chair)  
Randy Wood (Commissioner)  
Allen Novacek (Commissioner) (Arrived at 7:15)  
Julie Larson (Commissioner)

Others Present: Lu Barfknecht (Town Board Liaison)  
Ranee Solis (Clerk)  
Anne Adelman (Deputy Clerk)

See Attached list of all others in attendance.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Following changes were made to the agenda:

1. Add under Land Use item B. Wayne Hallcock Lot Split
2. Add under New Business item A. Vermillion River Watershed update with Mark Ryan.
3. Add under New Business item B. Annual Meeting slide show review.

*Motion:* Commissioner Larson moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Wood. *Motion carried 4-0.*

### **Citizen Inquiry**

None

### **Permit Requests**

None

### **Land Use**

#### A. Mn Paving & Materials – Interim Use Permit request

The Commissioners discussed that the permit was incomplete as submitted on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and only received a revised application today. Payment of the permit application fee has not yet been received by the Township. Chair Fredlund pointed out the following issues with the application: Being that one cannot amend an IUP that has been out of compliance for more than a year, the Commission must treat this as a new Interim Use Permit; the

2007 EAW and Watershed information submitted with the application is too old to be considered with the new application.

*Motion:* Chair Fredlund moved for the Planning Commission to work with the Clerk to determine completeness of the application and notify MPM within 15 days, seconded by Commissioner Wood. *Motion carried 4-0.*

#### **B. Wayne Hallcock-Lot Split**

The County rejected the permit previously approved by the Town Board due to omission of a second property identification number attached to the parcel. The Clerk is now resubmitting the corrected application for review.

*Motion:* Chair Fredlund moved to approve the lot split application for Wayne Hallcock located at 5355 280<sup>th</sup> St W & 5319 280<sup>th</sup> St W with PID# 13-03600-51-021 & 13-03600-51-022 as amended, seconded by Commissioner Wood. *Motion carried 4-0.*

#### **Town Board Liaison Report (Lu Barfknecht)**

- The building inspector billing was finalized for payment.
- Road update: Bryce Otte suggested creating a long-term plan to handle tree branches in the right-of-way; gravel roads cannot be salted; Obtaining an estimate to repair the road sign and damage to a culvert caused by a vehicle accident.
- Approved the new residential house permit for Jared Vinar.
- Directed MPM to submit either an amended or new IUP.
- County Commissioner Mike Slavik reported that the County Road 86 project has been delayed and requested a workshop meeting with the Town Board to discuss the 2040 Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- RFP's for Building Official and Legal Services were published and sent out.

#### **Old Business**

##### **A. Solar Energy Ordinance**

The Commissioners discussed the Dakota Electric guidelines regarding solar energy. Chair Fredlund noted the current ordinance requires a CUP for systems between 10-100kw and that systems over 100kw are prohibited. In keeping with the Dakota Electric guidelines, he suggested the following: over-the-counter building permit for up to 40kw and CUP for 40-100kw, with additional requirements for setbacks, landscaping, etc.

*Motion:* Chair Fredlund moved to table the discussion until the February 10<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Funk. *Motion carried 5-0.*

##### **B. Building Rights Text Amendment update**

After discussion with the Township Attorney, Jeff Otto has changed his interpretation of the basis for his recommended text amendment. Mr. Otto will present his findings to the Town Board next week.

*Motion:* Chair Fredlund moved to table the discussion until the February 10<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Novacek. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**New Business**

A. Mark Ryan – Vermillion River Watershed JPO

Mark Ryan provided an update on permits issued in the township: 5 in 2017, 5 in 2018 and 4 in 2019. There was an amendment in 2019 to relax the standards a little. The rule changes will be addressed at a public hearing being held on February 27, 2020. Mr. Ryan recommended we consider including watershed permits on driveway applications.

B. Annual Meeting Slides

The Commissioners reviewed the slides provided by the Clerk and recommended removing the word Building from the permits slide since it also includes permits other than building Permits.

**Minutes Approval**

A. Minutes of the January 7, 2020, Planning Commission meeting

*Motion:* Chair Fredlund moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Funk. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**Deputy Clerk Issues**

None

**Adjournment**

*Motion:* Commissioner Novacek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wood.  
*Motion carried 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Adelman, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved on: Mar 4 '2020  
Date

By:   
Planning Commission Chair

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Dakota County, Minnesota



## Planning Commission Meeting

### Attendance

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Printed Name

Address

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Minnesota Paving & Materials

Andrew Giesecke

Minnesota Paving & Materials

Bolan Ahern

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Nancy Sauber

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Jody Armour-Jones

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Mark Ryan

Vermillion River Watershed JPO (Extension Bldg)

Printed Name

Kathleen Huffmann

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