EUREKA TOWNSHIP

Dakota County, State of Minnesota

AGENDA PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING June 7, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Chair Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Opening Statement:

Chair Clancy stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to review text amendments to Ordinance 3, Chapter 9, Fences.

Public Comment:

Sarah Lybarger, 25135 Cedar Ave. Farmington, PIN13-02100-02-011. No written statement was provided.

Sarah wanted to share her thoughts after reading the ordinance. She was curious as to why it states in Section 1 that this chapter shall apply to only 3.0 acres or less. It is understandable to have requirements but is it appropriate to have these requirements only for smaller lots and not to all lots?

Commissioner Wood stated that this ordinance was written for smaller tract properties to help protect neighbors from unsightly fences.

The second question presented was what the fees the Town Board may require. Currently, the fee for an Administrative Fence Application, is \$25.00. Chair Clancy pointed out that the township is not allowed to make money on application and permit fees.

The last discussion point was with the height of the fence and what is considered temporary. Many fencing materials, including a snow fence, is 4 ft in height. Perhaps the Town Board could consider changing the current height listed in Section 6, (a), at three (3) feet to four (4) feet.

Chair Clancy shared that the input Sarah provided was appreciated and noted.

No further public comment.

The Planning Commissioners considered the public input and further discussed the content of the proposed amendments.

Motion: Chair Clancy recommends to the Town Board on Ordinance 3, Chapter 9, Fences, text amendment pending, that they:

- A. Insert the wording 180-days in item(d) after the word temporary to better define the timeline for citizens to understand temporary.
- B. The current text in item (a), any fence less than three (3) feet in height, be amended to read: any fence three (3) feet or less in height.
- C. The Town Board review the exception of three (3) feet versus possible four (4) foot, based on material availability and practical use, with no recommendation from the Planning Commission, pro or con.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Chad Berg-Aye; Randy Wood-Aye; Bill Clancy-Aye; Deb Burkhardt-Aye; Beth Eilers-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Liberty, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved by:

Planning Commission Chair

on:

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Date

PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKER LIST

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If you would like to make a comment during tonight's public hearing, please provide your name and address below. Speakers will be called in the order they are listed.

If you wish for your comment to be included in the minutes of the meeting, you must submit your comments in writing to the Clerk.

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