

**EUREKA TOWNSHIP  
DAKOTA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

Due to the Peacetime Emergency and social distancing guidelines, the Town Board Chair has determined it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person meeting. Accordingly, under Minnesota Statute section 13D.021, the following meeting shall be conducted entirely through teleconferencing or other electronic means.

**Call to Order and Verification of the packet on the website**

The Eureka Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Nancy Sauber.

Commissioners Present: Nancy Sauber (Chair), Randy Wood (Vice Chair), Allen Novacek, Bill Clancy and Julie Larson.

Others Present: Dan and LeAnn Petersen, Robert McNearney, Ralph Fredlund, Andrew Gieseke, Dan Ames, Mike Callahan, Brian Ahern, Lu Barfknecht, and Donovan Palmquist.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Sauber moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Randy Wood. Roll call vote: Nancy Sauber, Aye; Randy Wood, Aye; Bill Clancy, Aye; Julie Larson, Aye; Allen Novacek, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Citizen Inquiry - none**

**Permit Requests**

- A. Dan and LeAnn Petersen, 26993 Iberia Ave., PIN 130290058013, Ag building

Chair Sauber moved to recommend approval; seconded by Allen Novacek. Roll call vote: Nancy Sauber, Aye; Randy Wood, Aye; Bill Clancy, Aye; Allen Novacek, Aye; Julie Larson, Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

- B. Dan Ames, 10265 235<sup>th</sup> St. W., PIN 130070029020, new single-family residence

Chair Sauber reported that there is a house currently on the property. They are requesting to live in the existing house while the new house is built. Sauber reported that there is a \$5,000 escrow in this situation, and that has been paid.

Commissioner Novacek moved to recommend approval; Bill Clancy seconded. Roll call vote: Nancy Sauber, Aye; Randy Wood, Aye; Allen Novacek, Aye; Bill Clancy, Aye; Julie Larson, Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**Land Use - none**

**Town Board Liaison Report- supervisor Lu Barfknecht**

January 11 and 25 Town Board meetings:

- Road Report -compliments on snow plowing
- Temporary help from David Frame, Denise Williamson, Rhonda Rademacher, and Molly Weber has been very much appreciated.
- Approved Net Pay and Claim disbursements
- State grants available for roads. Road Superintendent Mark Henry and Town Board Chair Donovan Palmquist are working with Dakota County to apply for a grant. Priority areas are Eureka Estates and Chub Lake Road
- Chair Palmquist is working on completing the noxious weed report.
- May 11, 2021, District 194 will have an election at the Town Hall.
- Outcome of court process concerning Teri Petter and her use: The judge ordered no flea markets, craft shows, or vendors of any type. There is to be no expansion of animal pens. Petter is allowed to have 1 wolf, 1 porcupine, 1 skunk, 1 fisher, and 1 raccoon.
- IUP status of MPM: Unless the gravel pit review is approved in February, they cannot move forward with an amended IUP.
- Several RFPs coming up. Language will be reviewed and then they will be posted/published.
- The Town Board is changing the Township bank to the New Market Bank.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business**

- A. Bill Clancy had sent two motion proposals regarding gravel mining to the Clerk to be distributed to the Planning Commission. Chair Sauber and Vice Chair Wood recused themselves. Both motions failed for lack of a second.
- B. Chair Sauber reviewed the Transfer of Building Rights forms and information. The Commission asked if it would be possible to have former Supervisor and Task Force Chair Jeff Otto give a training session on these topics. Sauber said she would talk to Otto to set it up.

**Minutes Approval**

Chair Sauber had three minor corrections. She then moved to approve the minutes as amended. Randy Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Nancy Sauber, ye; Randy Wood, Aye; Julie Larson, Aye; Bill Clancy, Aye; Allen Novacek, Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Allen Novacek stated he would like in-person meetings for the benefit of the Township and the nation. Bill Clancy stated he is not ready for in-person meetings. He also feels there has been a surge in attendance for municipal meetings via Zoom. Nancy Sauber stated that she prefers the in-person meetings personally, but that several citizens coming in for applications have said they like the Zoom aspect.

**Deputy Clerk Issues - none**

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Larson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Novacek. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Larson, Interim Deputy Clerk

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Planning Commission Chair

Minutes officially approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.