

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2023-7:00pm

Call to Order

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair Clancy

Commissioners Present: Bill Clancy (Chair), Debbie Burkhardt (Vice Chair),
Melanie Storlie (Commissioner), Beth Eilers (Commissioner)

Others Present: Amy Liberty (Deputy Clerk), Brian Ahern, Nancy Sauber, Kathleen Kaufmann

Zoom participants: Julie Larson, Ralph Fredlund, Randy Wood

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Vice Chair Burkhardt moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Storlie seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Deb Burkhardt-Aye; Beth Eilers-Aye; Melanie Storlie-Aye; Bill Clancy-Aye.

Motion carried 4-0.

Land Use Requests

Kauffman, Charles & Kathleen, 25506 Ipava Ave., PIN13-02000-52-013, & PIN 13-02000-52-014
*Lot-split/boundary adjustment

Kathleen Kaufman was present at the Town Hall to answer any questions the Planning Commissioners may have. The Kauffman's own both parcels and are requesting to adjust the lot lines so the smaller parcel can consist of ten acres. A professional survey was submitted showing the new boundary lines.

Motion: Chair Clancy moved to recommend approval to the Town Board the lot-split application for Charles and Kathleen Kauffman, 25506 Ipava Ave., regarding two original parcels of 30.02 and 9.88 acres, having PIN#'s 13-02000-52-013, & 13-02000-52-014, moving the property line and creating Parcel A, of 10 acres; and Parcel B, of 29.9 acres. Vice Chair Burkhardt seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Deb Burkhardt-Aye; Beth Eilers-Aye; Melanie Storlie-Aye; Bill Clancy-Aye.

Motion carried 4-0.

Town Board Liaison Report

Town Board Supervisor Novacek shared items that were discussed at the Town Board November meetings. Full summaries are provided in the meeting minutes and are available for viewing at the Town Hall and on the website.

Old Business

Driveway or Approach Permit Instructions

Commissioner Storlie moved to recommend approval to the Town Board the latest draft of the driveway instructions, as amended on page two, removing *Location of and distance to well, drainage and sewage systems*, which was a repeated sentence. Chair Clancy seconded. *Roll call vote: Deb Burkhardt-Aye; Beth Eilers-Aye; Melanie Storlie-Aye; Bill Clancy-Aye. Motion carried 4-0.*

General Application Instructions for Building Permits and Land Use Permits

The latest draft was reviewed by the Commissioners. Edits are necessary before making a recommendation to the Town Board.

New Business

Discussion on possible noise ordinance-Jake brake

Chair Clancy submitted the following summary:

Dec 5, 2023 -Background Info and Key Milestones for Vehicle Signage in Eureka Township

Speed Study- Months ago, the Planning Commission formally recommended to Town Board they request a speed study for Dakota County Hwy 80 250th St due to high levels of speed with growing numbers of vehicles. A citizen has complained about high levels of speed on the same road and a request has now been made for speed study.

Township Road Speed Limit Signs- Months ago, the Planning Commission determined our Township does have authority to install some speed signs in certain areas of our Township roads based on State Law, mapped those areas, obtained quotes for signs and installation and asked Town Board to implement. The Planning Commission confirmed enforcement would be done by Dakota County Sheriff and prosecuted by Dakota County. This would reduce legal speeds from 55mph unposted on our gravel roads down to 35mph. This in turn would help with maintenance as acceleration, deceleration, and loss of dust all contribute to road degradation per Roads Scholar Program by U of M Center for Transportation Studies "Gravel Road Maintenance and Design".

Some Town Board members have objected to the concept of speed control signs on Township roads ("No one pays attention to them, they speed anyway") as well as the cost of \$8k to purchase and install 32 signs at \$235 each. Some Town Board members have attempted unsuccessfully to obtain more competitive quotes, even by separating sign purchase from installation. *To date the result of all the work by the Planning Commission has been rendered moot by some Town Board members not wanting to spend any money on speed limit signs on Town Roads.*

Jake Brake Signs- Recently a citizen has understandably requested the Town Board to pursue signs prohibiting "jake braking", basically stopping of trucks using engine compression instead of brakes which is a very noisy nuisance, specifically on Hwy 80 250th St. This is a Dakota County Road for which Township has no authority and must request from Dakota County.

To implement this request, at a minimum the following steps would be needed:

- 1- Review our Noise Ordinance 173 which is 3.5 pages long and details non-vehicle noise issues.
- 2- Expand our Noise Ordinance 173 to incorporate vehicle noise, likely by benchmarking from other Townships such as sample from City of Fairfax in meeting packet.
- 3- Review with Township Attorney applicable State statute and rules, specifically *Minnesota Rules parts 730.1000 thru 730.1050 already referenced in our noise ordinance but not detailed in any section.*
- 4- Determine how many signs would be needed by location. Verify that signs would be needed at:
A- All key entrance points to Township (like "No dumping" signs), at Township expense.
B- On County Road 80 250th St. east and west bound sides near intersections of Dodd as well as near intersection with Cedar. If installation is agreed to by Dakota County, determine who pays for the signs, County or Township?
C- Possibly other locations in Township on other Township roads and County Roads to be determined.
- 5- Obtain quote for signs and installation which would require Town Board approval to purchase.

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The Planning Commission discussed the inquiry. No action was taken. Supervisor Sauber commented that there is a request into the Township lawyer to review the current noise ordinance.

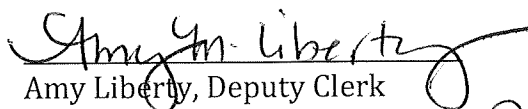
Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Burkhardt moved to approve the November 8, 2023, Planning Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Eilers seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: Deb Burkhardt-Aye; Beth Eilers-Aye; Melanie Storlie-Aye; Bill Clancy-Abstain.
Motion carried 3-0-1.

Adjournment

Chair Clancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Commissioner Storlie seconded.
Roll call vote: Deb Burkhardt-Aye; Beth Eilers-Aye; Melanie Storlie-Aye; Bill Clancy-Aye.
Motion carried 4-0.

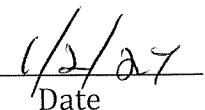
Respectfully submitted,


Amy Liberty, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved by:


Planning Commission Chair

on:


Date

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Dakota County, Minnesota



Planning Commission Meeting

Attendance

December 5, 2023

7:00 PM

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