

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board
March 31, 2010
Avon City Hall

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Mergen at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Gerry Kremers, Lowell Rushmeyer, Stephen Saupe.

Approval of Agenda: Mergen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Business:

1. **Haakonson Variance** – Mr. Chance Haakonson appeared to request a variance for his property at 32155 Noble Oak Circle. He wants to add six feet to his garage and build an entryway at the front. These improvements will put him 27 feet from the road right-of-way, which is closer than current ordinance allows (30 feet). Rushmeyer moved to recommend to the Supervisors to set a variance public hearing on April 28th at 8:15 PM. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **New Meeting Time** – After receiving a favorable response from the Supervisors, the Planning Board will now meet at 7:30 PM instead of 8:00. Saupe will publish this change in the *Stearns Morrison-Enterprise*. The change will take effect with the April meeting.
3. **Fire Issues at the Mobile Home Park** – The State Deputy Fire Marshall inspected the Avon Township Mobile Home Court and noted the unsafe conditions. He offered several suggestions including: (a) enacting an ordinance that any new unit moved to the site meets all requirements in the MN Building Code, (b) fire personnel are authorized to order the evacuation of any building deemed unsafe during a fire incident, and (c) the fire department should report to the appropriate County office any hazardous conditions for children or vulnerable adults.
4. **Bid Opening for 182nd Ave Road Project** – Mergen opened the public hearing at 8:30 PM. Mr. Dale Swanson from Bonestroo announced that four bids had been received. Mr. Swanson opened the bids for Mergen to read. The bids were as follows: Knife River - \$106,341.81; Tri-City Paving - \$106,346.00; Central Specialties - \$108,967.25; Hardrives - \$113,339.08. Bonestroo will prepare a bid tabulation to present to the Supervisors at their April 7th meeting. Rushmeyer moved to close the public hearing. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Township Facility Final Plat** – Township attorney Adam Ripple appeared to present the final plat for the township facility. He stated it had been platted according to ordinance. It will be recorded when the property closes. Rushmeyer

emphasized the need for the plat to meet all township regulations in our subdivision ordinance. Rushmeyer moved to recommend approval of the final plat pursuant to Section 300 of the Avon Township Subdivision Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Mergen and Clerk Saupe signed the plat, which will then be forwarded to the Supervisors for signature.

Reports/Announcements:

1. Supervisor Bresnahan encouraged Planning Board members to attend the Annual Meeting.
2. Supervisor Bresnahan reported that there has been a legislative change concerning road restrictions. Unless otherwise posted, roads are assumed to be 10-ton roads. We will need new signs.
3. Permits – one permit was received. Jeff Meier was granted permission to construct a 24 x 25 x 13 foot accessory storage structure on property owned by Dan Pitzer at 33155 185th Ave.

Adjournment: Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is April 28, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Saupe, Clerk
Minutes amended & approved: April 28, 2010