

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

June 27, 2018

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon)

Call to Order: Chair Ken Mergen called to order the meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission at 7:00 PM in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present – Will Huston, Ken Mergen, Stephen Saupe, and Sheldon Tschida.

Approval of Agenda: Added to the agenda were – Schwalbe Dairy 911 sign, Maciejewski certificate of compliance, solar garden landscaping, and the bridge over I-94 on 135th. Huston moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Huston moved to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2018 meeting as presented. Tschida second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: *none*

Business:

- 1. Blonigen Variance** – Mr. Craig Blonigen appeared to request a variance for his property at 18732 367th St., Avon (MN). He wants to construct an addition and garage on his current home. It would be 22 feet from the Town road (188th Ave), which is closer than currently allowed by ordinance. Various options were discussed including potentially shifting the project away from the road several feet. Huston moved to set a public hearing at 7:10 PM on July 25, 2018 to consider a request by Mr. Craig Blonigen for a variance to construct an addition on his home that would be 24 feet closer to 188th Avenue than is currently permitted. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried. The planned addition will also be 32 feet from 367th, which is a private road, so no action was taken.
- 2. Maciejewski Certificate of Compliance** – Mr. Kevin Maciejewski contacted Huston about the potential need for a Certificate of Compliance to split an 80-acre parcel on 355th into two 40-acre parcels. There appears to be no concerns for the Township. Mergen moved that the Planning Commission has no objection to a certificate of compliance to split the 80-acre Maciejewski property on 355th into two, 40-acre parcels contingent on the proposal meeting all applicable Stearns County rules and guidelines and that it meets with an inspection by a Town representative. Huston second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 3. Gertken Solar Garden Landscape Plan** – After the June Supervisor meeting it was noticed that the original plan to include conifers along the eastern border of the property was dropped. Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors to include conifers in the landscape plan. Tschida second. Three in favor. One opposed (Huston). Motion carried.
- 4. Schwalbe Dairy 911 Sign** – Huston reported that the Schwalbe's contacted him about a 911 sign. These are available from the Town for \$75. The residents should also contact the County to insure the correct number for the property.
- 5. Rausch Gravel Pit** – Some black dirt has been spread on the site and it has been seeded. Huston moved to recommend to the Supervisors approval of the restoration contingent on verifying with

the property owners that the restoration is acceptable to them. Mergen second. All in favor.
Motion carried.

6. **Bridge Work** – Work on the bridge over I-94 on 135th will likely be done next summer. Traffic will be detoured onto Norway Road. Work should be done in the summer to minimize disruptions with classes at Saint John’s.

7. **Enterprise Contributions** – no ideas were suggested.

Announcements/Reports:

1. **Brophy Hearing** – The County Supervisors did not approve a permit for the gun range.

Adjournment: Huston moved to adjourn the meeting at about 8:25 PM. Tschida second. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is July 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe Clerk

Signature: _____ date: _____

Approval:

_____ date: _____
Planning Commission Chair – signature

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