

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

October 31, 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 – Ken Mergen, Stephen Saupe, and Sheldon Tschida. Absent – Will Huston.

**Approval of Agenda:** Maciejewski driveway permit was added to the agenda. Tschida moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Mergen moved to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2018 meeting as presented. Tschida second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Hearings:** *none scheduled*

## **Business:**

1. **Cheney Road Work** – Mr. Ron Cheney (18659 & 18647 368<sup>th</sup> St.) appeared to request removing brush along 368<sup>th</sup>, which is a publically dedicated, but privately maintained road. He proposes to remove brush 3 to 4 feet on the north side of the road, up to the existing utility pole along the roadway. Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors to approve the request by Mr. Cheney to clear 3-4 feet of brush along the northside of 368<sup>th</sup> on the condition that it meet all Stearns County rules and guidelines and that there is no issue with wetlands. Tschida second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Weed Management** – Mr. Charlie Nordby appeared to discuss weed management issues. Mr. Nordby has been working along the Wobegon Trail to remove invasive European buckthorn. It is now relatively controlled but adjacent properties have quite a bit that will eventually encroach on the trail. Mr. Nordby encourages the Town and County to become involved and to develop a management plan for terrestrial weeds like European buckthorn.
3. **Maciejewski Driveway Permit** – Keith & Rachel Maciejewski appeared to request a driveway permit for their property at 14008 355<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed driveway would be a maximum of 24 feet wide and would be a modification of the existing field road approach to the property. Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors approval of a driveway permit for the Maciejewski's with any conditions based on a site inspection by a Town representative. Tschida second. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Streit Certificate of Compliance** – Mr. Keith Streit appeared to request a Certificate of Compliance to attach approximately 6 acres of property (Tract A-1) to 'square off' his existing 12.8 acre parcel (Tract-A; Legal description – Lot 1, Block 1, Northern Lights Third Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns Count Minnesota). Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors a Certificate of Compliance for Mr. Streit to attach Tract A-1 to Tract A as shown on the property survey by O'Malley & Kron.

- 5. **Ebnet Driveway** – Mr. Tony Ebnet applied for driveway permit for the driveway he installed on his property at 18424 Red Maple Drive without a permit. Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors to take no action until Mr. Ebnet pays the required damage deposit and penalty for an after-the-fact permit. Tschida second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. **Road Maintenance Planning** – tabled for a future meeting
- 7. **Enterprise Contributions** – not discussed.

**Announcements/Reports:**

- 1. *none*

**Adjournment:** Mergen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Tschida second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:** There will be a meeting of the Joint Planning Board on November 8 at 6:30 PM at the Avon City Hall at 6:30 PM to discuss a request for a Certificate of Compliance for Ms. Kathleen Yurczyk to split her 80 acres into one 10 acre parcel to be retained by Ms. Yurczyk and one 70 acre parcel for purchase to Lange Properties.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is November 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen G. Saupe Clerk

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval:**

\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning Commission Chair – signature

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Planning Commission Chair – print