

**Murray County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2022**

The Murray County Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Murray County Government Center, Slayton, Minnesota, and via a Teams Link and telephone. There were problems with the recording and only the first 37 minutes were recorded, which included the first two public hearings.

Members present: Kevin Vickerman, Carolyn McDonald, Ron Holinka, Vern Carlson, Bob Ossefoort, Molly Malone, and Dan Bierma

Others present: Jean Christoffels, Connie Wieneke, Kris Spenningsby, Lori Gunnink, Joe & Marcia Schreier, Dylan Barstad, Jeff Barstad

Others present Call in: Kayla Johnson, Munce Tronsgard

Chair Carolyn McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda.

MSP: Kevin Vickerman, Vern Carlson to accept the agenda as presented.

Agenda #1 Identify any Conflict of Interest – Planning Commission

None were identified.

Agenda #2 Allete Clean Energy Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing

See Allete Clean Energy Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing Minutes.

Agenda #3 Schreier's On Shetek Conditional Use Permit Amendment Public Hearing

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Agenda #4 Joe and Marcia Schreier Rezoning Public Hearing

See Joe and Marcia Schreier Rezoning Public Hearing Minutes.

Agenda #5 Campground Discussion with Jeff Barstad

Jeff and Dylan Barstad met with the Planning Commission to discuss future improvements they would like to make to their campground. Jeff and Dylan reviewed how things happened with their last campground expansion and wanted to make sure that everyone was on the same page. If they were able to expand the campground again, they could fill 49 new sites. However, since Jeff and Dylan do not want to go through the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) process for the expansion, they must wait until November 4, 2023, before applying for any more campsites.

In the meantime, they have 650 trees coming in this spring that will need to be watered. Jeff would like to put in water lines, along with electric wires; the wires would not be powered, so he does not feel that it should be considered start of construction. He and Dylan both commented that a permit is not required to run water lines and electric lines; they are not putting in sewer lines, which they stated would require a permit from the State. Jeff added that to water the trees with a 1,000 gallon tank is time consuming and a hose does not work for that many trees.

Bob questioned why they need to put in water and electric lines, would it be for a campground expansion. Jeff said it takes over a year to get things in the ground and if he waits until applying for the conditional use permit in 2023, then it would be starting from scratch.

Jean had contacted Jason Kloss of the Southwest Health and Human Services (Public Health) regarding the installation of water lines. If the water lines are for camp sites, Jeff needs to submit the plans for a plumbing plan review; it would be considered start of construction by Public Health.

Ron had some concerns with the questions being raised and felt the Commission should consult legal counsel for input on the situation. Kayla Johnson noted that the Commission does not have a formal request before them so there is nothing for them to act on; no voting to take place. She recommended that the Commission have a discussion with Counsel at a meeting in the future regarding this.

Jeff also provided a list of other topics of concern that he would like the Planning Commission to address. He mentioned the home with a pool on the north side of Valhalla Road; he wondered how they are meeting the 25% impervious surface coverage. Jean explained that their lot is outside of shoreland and is not required to meet the 25% impervious surface coverage requirement.

Jeff wanted to know how or when it changed that there could be two campers on a lake lot. Jean explained that the Planning Commission reviewed the Ordinance in 2019 and when she asked them if they wanted to allow a guest house on the lake lots, the Commission Members said no, they would rather allow a seasonal camper that must get an annual permit; the camper could be on the lot from about April to December. It was further explained that for a lake lot, the owner could have a camper, cabin, or home as the primary structure on the lot, and then they would be allowed a seasonal camper, if they obtained a season permit every year.

Since Jeff's request for the meeting tonight was to talk about his campground, the Planning Commission did not address any other item on his list. Jeff requested that the Commission Members read through the items.

Agenda #4 Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

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MSP: Bob Ossefoort, Ron Holinka to approve the minutes as written.

MSP: Dan Bierma, Bob Ossefoort to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wieneke
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