

**Murray County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2022**

The Murray County Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022, in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Murray County Government Center, Slayton, Minnesota, and via a Teams Link and telephone.

Members present: Vern Carlson, Dan Bierma, Ron Holinka, Kevin Vickerman, Marc Hollahan, Dave Thiner, and Bob Ossefoort

Others present: Jean Christoffels, Connie Wieneke, Kayla Johnson and see attached Sign-In Sheet

Vice Chair Vern Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda.

Bob Ossefoort added Election of Chairman as Item #2 on the Agenda.

MSP: Dan Bierma, Bob Ossefoort to accept the agenda with the addition.

Agenda #1 Identify any Conflict of Interest – Planning Commission

None were identified.

Agenda #2 Election of Chairman

Vice Chair Vern Carlson opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Bob nominated Ron Holinka. Ron respectfully declined due to being the Chairman for the Board of Adjustments. Bob withdrew his nomination for Ron and nominated Kevin Vickerman. Kevin Vickerman nominated Marc Hollahan.

Motion made by Bob Ossefoort, seconded by Kevin Vickerman for nominations to cease. Motion carried.

Voting was cast by raising hands. Marc Hollahan was elected Chairman.

Agenda #3 Doug Rupp Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing

See Doug Rupp Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing Minutes.

Agenda #4 Second Pre-Advisory Meeting for Brett Huber Subdivision

Brett Huber and Robert Smithback came to the table and explained that this is his second pre-advisory meeting. Brett submitted a new map of the proposed subdivision and explained that Block 1 would only be for two lots and not three, whereas Block 2 is for five lots, the same as the first meeting. The checklist was reviewed with the following items still needing to be completed: MPCA Storm Water Permit (NPDES) Application; and decision regarding individual septic systems versus centralized sewer.

The centralized sewer is approximately 1,500 feet from his closest lot. Brett would prefer that the lots would be connected to the SAWS (Shetek Area Water & Sewer District) sewer system so he would not have to bore four holes for two septic systems per lot on his development; he does not want to make the decision for future landowners as to where their septic system could be located. Robert and Brett both said they would not move forward without the central sewer because their only other options are two cluster sewer systems, or individual systems on lots, which they do not believe is as good as taking the sewer off site for the lake. Jean stated the SAWS Board is looking into options yet for servicing Brett's subdivision.

Jean explained to the Commission that they need to determine if Brett has meet enough of the criteria on the checklist to make application. And if he was to make application for a preliminary plat public hearing, since the sewer is not an option at this time, he would need to have soil borings completed for individual sewage treatment systems on each lot, or cluster systems. Then by the time of the public hearing or by the time the plat is complete, the centralized sewer may be an option.

The consensus of the Planning Commission is that Brett has satisfied the majority of the pre-advisory checklist and is ready to move forward with making application for a preliminary plat public hearing, including soil borings for either two individual systems on each lot or two cluster systems.

Jean informed Brett that if he wanted to get on the SAWS Agenda for their next meeting on August 8th, 2022, he would need to submit a letter explaining his request.

Agenda #5 Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

- a. 06-16-2022 Asa Nelson Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing
- b. 06-16-2022 Lake Wilson Renewables, LLC Conditional Permit Public Hearing
- c. 06-16-2022 Planning Commission Meeting

MSP: Vern Carlson, Dan Bierma to approve the minutes as written.

MSP: Vern Carlson, Dan Bierma to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wieneke
Murray County Environmental Services