

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 1, 2017
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Michael Riley and Barry Jacques. County staff members Taylor Hartwig, Aaron Stubbs, Chris Meeks and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated there was no change to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 02-17

Blue Earth County - Notice of intention to enact amendments to the Blue Earth County Subdivision Ordinance also known as Chapter 20. The proposed amendments to Chapter 20 will include additions and amendments to Section 20-4 Definitions. The amendments will also include information related to Section 20-44 Platting rules, conditions and requirements clarified. The amendments will also contain information related to Division 3. Platting Exceptions.

Mr. Stubbs presented the staff report.

Members of the Planning Commission discussed road standards and how they fit into the subdivision ordinance.

Chuck Wingert stated he appreciated the efforts made by staff to get the amendment to this point. He added that the amendment will solve a number of problems land owners currently face.

Karl Friedrichs addressed the Commission relating to the proposed amendment. Mr. Friedrichs indicated he had not had adequate time to thoroughly review the entire amendment and asked the commission to table the proposal until the April meeting to allow other attorneys and realtors time to review and provide comment.

Commissioner Bruender asked if the proposal could be further reviewed and a final draft brought to the County Board at their regularly scheduled March meeting.

The Planning Commission further discussed the options available to them to move forward with a recommendation or to table making a recommendation on the amendment to the April meeting. Following the Discussion, Mr. Bill Anderson made a motion to table the review of the amendment and reconvene at the April meeting. He added he would welcome input from the

townships. Mr. Femrite seconded the motion and the item was tabled until the April 2017 meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

County Board and Planning Commission Workshop – Staff advised the Planning Commission of a workshop Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Blue Earth County Courthouse, 204 South Fifth Street, Mankato, Minnesota. The purpose of the workshop is for the County Board and Planning Commission to discuss and start the process of reviewing the County Land Use Plan.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. Mr. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Bruender and the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date