

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday July 1, 2009
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Don Gerrish, Chuck Grams and Marjorie Johnson. Land Use and Natural Resources staff present were Sara Isebrand and George Leary.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting. 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 14-09

Scott Schutte – Request for approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat of Schutte Subdivision, a one lot subdivision located in an Agricultural Zoned District in part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 17, Mapleton Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicant was represented by Warren Smith of Survey Services.

There was discussion regarding the property access. The existing access runs across an adjacent property.

Mr. Smith indicated that the two parcels were originally together and part of one farm. He added that the applicant's sister owns the adjacent property. Mr. Smith stated that it was the Hwy Department's request that the existing access be utilized. He agreed that the access needs to be reduced to writing and that an access easement would be appropriate.

Bill Anderson made a motion recommending of approval of the request to the County Board with the added condition requiring an access easement. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 15-09

Ronald Olson –Request for approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat of Olson Acres, a one lot subdivision located in an Agricultural Zoned District in part of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 34, Medo Township.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report.

The applicant's son was present and had nothing to add.
There was no public comment and little discussion.

Mr. Bruender made a motion recommending of approval of the request to the County Board. Mr. Gerrish seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 16-09

Robert Bosse – Request for a conditional Use permit for the placement of more than fifty cubic yards of fill for the purpose of constructing a driveway in the Shoreland District. The property is zoned Agricultural and Shoreland and is located in the NE ¼ of Section 19, Jamestown Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicant was represented by his building contractor, Tim Merseeth.

There was no public comment.

There was some discussion regarding the impact on wetlands.

The Planning Commission directed staff to check into the wetland issue with the Environmental Health staff to ensure that the wetland concerns are being addressed.


Mr. Bruender made a motion recommending of approval of the request to the County Board. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Planning Commission discussed their concerns relating to the high profile of the new counter structure separating them from the public seating area. Beyond the height of that structure, the Planning Commission was impressed with the updated facility.

6. AJOURNMENT

Mr. Bruender made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Gerrish and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Planning Commission Chair

08-05-09
Date



Planning Commission Secretary

08-05-09
Date