

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday October 6, 2020, the Silver Creek Planning and Zoning Committee met at the Silver Creek Town Hall located at 3827 134th Street NW, Monticello, Minnesota 55362, Wright County, and State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only. Chairman Ness called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 6 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Motion by Supervisor Klein to continue the Supervisor Meeting until after the P & Z Meeting. Second by Supervisor Ludenia All present in favor. Motion Carried. P & Z Chairman Richard Chwalek continued with the P & Z Meeting.

Members Present:

Chris Klein	Sandy Forsman	Richard Chwalek
Dan Ness	Mike Ludenia	Mark Egge
Barry Heikkinen	Tom Vanek	
Absent: Dan Mielke		

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Minutes of 08/04/2020. Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Heikkinen, second by Tom Vanek. Motion carried 8-0.

CHAIR REPORTS: None

New Business:

Barry Hart 15152 Elder Ave NW: CUP review of existing permit. Winery. Mr. Hart was not present. Supervisor Klein made a motion to extend the existing CUP for an additional 2 years. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Discussed that they have not been working in the buildings only working with the grapes now and having someone else processing them. Motion carried 8-0.

Kelly Klatt 585 92nd ST: CUP review of existing permit, home based portrait studio. MS Klatt was not present; she had called to say they could not come to the meeting. We have not received any complaint, but two neighbors did call and said they did not have any issues or problems with the business. Motion by Supervisor Ness to continue the current CUP with the next review in 3 years 2023. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 8-0.

Old Business:

CMRP: Supervisor Heikkinen gave an update on what the group is working on. They are working on round 2 engagements. There is an online survey that can be done but he would like to have a meeting with local residents. Wondered if it was something that could be held in the maintenance shop to have room for social distancing. The information is available on the CMRP website. It was decided to go with the survey and not have a meeting.

The next meeting will be with MN DOT and Fed Highway Admin. Supervisor Heikkinen has submitted these 3 questions:

- 1.) We've been told MNDOT builds a new river crossing every 100 years. Is that true?
- 2.) If there is a new river crossing every 100 years, where would a crossing in our Partnership Area compare to the plans Dayton, MN has in terms of priority since Dayton has been purchasing land along Brocton Lane for 15 or 20 years in anticipation of a river crossing?

3.) To alleviate the traffic congestion over the river on HWY 24 in Clearwater is it possible to add an additional lane over the new bridge? Even adding just one lane in the middle such as the HOV lanes in the metro and making it directional would help. I'm not sure if my suggestion would work on the Hwy 25 bridge without looking at it, but the HWY 24 bridge has shoulders level with the traffic lane.

Other questions received were

1. Is there a timetable established for a future river crossing? If so, what is it? If not, when might one be established?
2. What are the top 2 or 3 factors considered when making a decision on location of a new river crossing?
3. What % of travel would be reduced by another bridge?

Unfinished Business:

Misc.: Scott Johnson was present with videos to show the motorcycle activity in Silver Creek 09/26. Burnouts in the road for 20 to 30 minutes and Elliott Ave was blocked. Wondered if the Township should consider a noise ordinance. He did forward it to Sean in Planning & Zoning at the County. This seems to be more of a County issue rather than the Township. Township will send the pictures and videos to the Sheriff and ask if there is anything that can be done.

Received one complaint about odors from the Knife River Plant. We did put it in the Knife River file and Supervisor Klein called them to report the problem.

Upcoming Items:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Supervisor Ludenia to adjourn, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silver Creek Township Clerk,
Nancy Betzler
10/06/2020 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisor's
11/05/2020

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