

Supervisor's Planning and Zoning Meeting  
Minutes May 03, 2022

## Silver Creek Township

On May 3, 2022, the Silver Creek Planning and Zoning Committee met at the Silver Creek Town Hall located at 3827 134<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Monticello, Minnesota 55362, Wright County, and State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only. Chair Ludenia called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 20 people in the audience at the start of the meeting and 2 on Zoom. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Motion by Supervisor Ness to continue the Supervisor Meeting until after the P & Z Meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion Carried. P & Z Chair Richard Chwalek continued with the meeting.

**Members Present:**

Richard Chwalek	Mike Ludenia	Chris Newman
Mark Egge	Dan Ness	Julie Urbatch
Dan Mielke	Barry Heikkinen	Nancy Betzler
Tom Vanek	Sandy Forsman	

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 04-05-2022**

Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion to approve the minutes, Second by Chairman Ludenia. Motion carried 9-0.

**CHAIR REPORT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jerry Battis (JB Improvers, Inc.) on behalf of Bonita Born: 3071 145<sup>th</sup> Street NW Monticello. Request is to build a screened porch, attached deck and stairs on existing deck footprint. This will be for a new deck, new footings and new roof. Same distance from Locke Lake as current deck.

Dan Mielke made a motion to approve the variance as requested, Seconded by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 9-0

Joe Ackerman: 11464 Elliott Ave NW. Requests a setback variance from the center line of Elliott Avenue for a new proposed structure to replace existing garage.

Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion to approve Mr. Ackerman's request for a setback variance. Seconded by Tom Vanek. Motion carried 9-0.

Matt Maier: No show

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mining Ordinance Update: The committee had three additional meetings since last month and made some progress. They presented a document similar to before but in a different format that is easier to understand. The committee was not able to come up with a decision on what to do. The committee is requesting some legal guidance to help them. Supervisor Heikkinen said we had Greg Kryser, Attorney from Planning & Zoning from the County and Darek Vetsch, the Commissioner and they said that would review it to make sure it is enforceable. The document needs to be written as an ordinance and legal advice is needed to this get done.

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Motion made by Supervisor Heikkinen to extend the Mining Moratorium for three months to allow the Moratorium Committee to seek legal advice from our Township attorney and we send a letter to the County Administration to review the county mining ordinance. Seconded by Supervisor Ness.

More discussion: Create a bullet list of all that the County requires, then have the Board generate another list of additional items for the County to consider.

Motion carried 7-2 with Dan Mielke and Chair Ludenia voting no. Motion passes to the Board.

CMRP Update: Supervisor Heikkinen wants to make a motion to appoint Supervisor Newman as an alternate for the CMRP, that was vacated when Supervisor Klein left the Board. Seconded by Supervisor Ness. Carried 9-0

Supervisor Newman went to the last CMRP meeting and said they have three initiatives that they are working on: 1) Transportation 2) Economic Growth 3) Broadband and it is very important that Silver Creek stay involved in the discussions at these meetings.

Supervisor Heikkinen reiterated that he brought up to the executive committee to reduce our dues to CMRP in half. Our Township paid the full amount but will get reimbursed half from the County.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**UPCOMING ITEMS:** Johnson Material Martie Pit – Annual review will happen in June.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Supervisor Ness, Seconded by Dan Mielke. Carried 9-0. Time 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Silver Creek Township Clerk,  
Julie Urbatch  
05-03-2022 Minutes  
Approved by Board of Supervisor's  
06-07-2022

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