

Supervisor's Planning and Zoning Meeting
Minutes May 04, 2021

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday May 04, 2021, 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. Chair Forsman called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 12 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 Ludenia to continue the Supervisor Meeting until after the P & Z Meeting. Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion Carried. P & Z Chair Richard Chwalek continued with the P & Z Meeting.

Members Present:

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Minutes of 04-06-2021 Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORTS: None

New Business:

Mark & Amy Flakne 9684 Clementa Ave: Review of private dog kennel. Mark & Amy were present. Everything is done; they have 24 sled dogs and the kennel is built for 24 dogs. The dogs have been there since last spring. The permit is for 30 dogs because they do have some house dogs. There have been no issues with the neighbors. They do not do any boarding of other dogs. Motion by Supervisor Klein that we review in 4 years, unless we receive complaints, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 9-0.

Chad Jung 3683 144th St NW: Temp living quarters while building new home. Mr. Jung was present to explain that they want to put living quarters above the garage and use until the house is done. They hope to start the home later this year or next spring; the septic is going in next week. They would be moving in this June, their current home sold very fast. The garage they built will match the house; they do have the house plans ready. There is a bonus room above the garage now and will stay there until the house is done. Motion by Mark Egge to accept the temporary living above the garage that he has built, for a period of no longer than 10 months, plus written varication that he plans to move in once the house is built and will make it a rental, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Amended to 24 months; after further discussion final motion amended to 18 months. Motion carried 9-0.

Marcus Todd 15433 Curtis Ave NW: Variance to modify deck. Mr. Todd was present to explain the request. They want to repair the deck in the back and want to make it longer, and add a covered porch on the other side of the house. They are in Wild & Scenic so it will require a variance because they are in the 100 ft.' distance for the high water mark. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve request for a 8.5' deck, the same width, put extends to 36' + steps and also the screened in porch on the NE side of the house. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 9-0.

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Barton Pit/Tiller Corp Appleton Ave: Internal review of current CUP Mike Caron with Martin Marietta Corp was present. Mark Johnson and Christina Morrison were present via Zoom. Their operation has been consistent the last few years. The mining has been moving to the south and east and moving further away from the river. In 2019 they were before the Wright Co Planning Commission to request a concrete plant & asphalt plant primarily for the construction of I-94. That was approved and expected a lot of work to happen in 2020. Because of delays none of the paving happened then and it is scheduled to start this year. This year the west bound lanes will be done and 2022 is when the east bound lanes will be done. After 2022 he thinks things will revert to a more normal quantity as in the past. The company is now named Martin Marietta Corp. The name is different, but the same people are working. They have completed some reclamation, they will be moving stock piles further back, and so as the lake gets bigger that is the reclamation. They are looking to start this project this July, it will be a start & stop time frame not weeks in a row. There could be a couple hundred trucks loads a day, and will probably be a 10-12 day. MN DOT does not usually want to work on the weekends. Normal average truck traffic from the pit has been 500 trucks per season. The plan is to get onto I-94 by crossing 75. They have a staging area in the pit so trucks do have to wait on the road.

Concerns from the residents were safety for residents because of the speed on the road. They would also like the Township to send notification to residents about CUP issues to additional people and not just within the 500' distance that is done now.

Mr. Caron said that safety is their number one concern, but the trucks are not their trucks, but their customers. When there is an issue, if they get a time, a name of the truck or color of the truck they can usually track it down and then will talk with the company and let them know if the truck drivers can't drive safely, they do not want that driver back. Mr. Caron will give out his phone number so people can call him when they see an issue. They will talk to the contractor and let them know the concerns and will try to get out here and monitor them as much as they can. A resident asked if they could set up a web cam to watch the trucks, but Mike is not sure that would be something they can do. Mr. Caron was asked if the pit is ever going south, answered no they will not be going across the road. Township will send a notice to the County saying that there are residents' concerns about their safety and for the children in the area because of the extra traffic and the speed of the trucks using the road. They would like extra Sheriff's patrols in the area. Mr. Caron said they will try to notify residents in the area that there will be increased traffic and let them know how to contact their company. The Township will also put this information on our website and will be contacting the Sheriff to see if they could do more patrols and if we could get a speed trailer on the road.

Old Business:

Appoint Chair/Vice Chair: Motion by Supervisor Klein to keep it the way it is, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 8-1. Motion by Supervisor Klein for Tom Vanek as Vice Chair, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 9-0.

CMRP Update: Supervisor Heikkinen gave update; they have areas they want to look at, land use, economic growth and interconnection that were based on the surveys completed. Discussed projects they could fund themselves or project they could influence, such as apply for a federal grant.

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Unfinished Business:

Misc.: The County is looking at having a workshop for P&Z members in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Supervisor Klein to adjourn, second by Tom Vanek. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silver Creek Township Clerk,
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisor's
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