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Supervisor's Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2022

Silver Creek Township

On July 5, 2022, 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. Vice Chair Forsman called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 11 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. Supervisor Ness made a motion continue the Supervisor Meeting until after the P&Z Meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion Carried. P&Z Vice Chair Tom Vanek continued with the meeting.

Members Present:

Mark Egge	Chris Newman	Sandy Forsman
Dan Mielke	Dan Ness	Julie Urbatch
Tom Vanek	Barry Heikkinen	

Absent: Richard Chwalek, Mike Ludenia

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It was discussed at last P&Z Meeting that Johnson was to give the Clerk a copy of his water permit and it is not stated in the minutes. With that addition, Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion to approve the minutes, Second by Dan Mielke. Motion carried 7-0.

CHAIR REPORT None

NEW BUSINESS

Knife River-Naakgteboren: John Henry, Aggregate Manager for Central MN for Knife River was present for the purpose of changing the mining boundary that was approved on 11-16-2017. Currently they are permitted to mine the entire property except for the northeast corner. This is the last section to mine, which is about 19 acres and will be a minimum of 10 years to mine it. The section down in the SW corner will not be mined, ever.

When they are done with the south piece of the land, they would move north and mine that, which would be the last piece. Discussed that Knife River would be removing a few acres of trees and when they reclaim it they usually plant a grass pasture mix, then there will be a border of trees on the outside. Most of the materials being mined are for the hot mix plant. Concern from resident (Thomas Paumen) in the audience that lives near the SW corner of the land and said Naakgteboren's wetland connects with his wetland. The berm from Naakgteboren is about 30 feet higher than the wetland, so if it's 30 feet higher, everything is going to flow into that wetland. John Henry said they will take care of it.

Motion made by Dan Mielke to approve application as is with the addition to take of Mr. Paumen's concern. Seconded by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 7-0.

Travis Bosacker-Hidden Acres Dog Kennel: CUP is up for reviewal. He currently has 42 dogs with the current permit allowing up to 150 dogs. There was a concern from a resident that stated a realtor said there was a lot of bodies of water. Travis confirmed that those bodies are all water and were engineered through Soil & Water. They have all the layouts and dimensions of all the ponds that were constructed. The DNR was involved as well. The core of engineers designed the berms that were built. So everything that is there was permitted.

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Supervisor Ness made a motion to continue the current CUP, as stated, with a reviewal in two years. Seconded by Mark Egge.

Discussion: Chris Klein asked if the Board is going to address the water drainage issue into the town road and is the Board going to address DNR well permit? With the geo thermal system that this facility has so it's not creating a water issue and draining onto neighboring lands and into the town's ditch. Supervisor Newman said this was addressed 2-3 months ago that the Twp was going to put in a culvert for either the driveway or the road. Chris Klein didn't think that was approved by the Board because that would create dumping water onto another person's property. Mr. Schwartz was at that meeting and he stated that it would interfere with his property and had concerns. Supervisor Newman remembered that it was approved by the Board to put a culvert across the driveway and if that doesn't work, we would look at putting it across the road. Paul Becker, in the audience stated all the stuff going on is on his property, the water, the well, the driveway, it's all on his property. Paul Becker stated that he had to put in drain tile on his land to take care of this water issue.

Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Johnson Materials: Water Permit Application. Concern that he put the well in a year ago and submitted the application for a water permit days before our last meeting on 6/7/22. In the minutes that were just approved, he stated that he already had the permit. There was discussion to send a letter to the County regarding this permit. Newman's concern is the County. It has nothing to do with the fact that Johnson Pit is yet another business in the Township that acts without understanding what the legal requirements are of their actions. There are other businesses in our Township that are not in compliance with their permitting, as well. The problem is with the County and enforcement of the rules and the permitting processes itself. No more action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CMRP Update: They briefed us on the process and they came up with an 11 year timeframe, up to 2023. CMRP came up with one crossing that was preferable and it was 120th Street and Orchard Road by Monticello. Federal highways and MNDOT basically said don't limit us, so they have studies from 2017 that came up with five different crossings and they would like us to go with those and let the process itself weed out the other crossings that just don't fit. Any Mississippi crossing requires a formal environmental process with primary focus on the regional needs where a transportation solution is required.

UPCOMING ITEMS None

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ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Supervisor Newman, Seconded by Mark Egge.
Carried 8-0. Time 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silver Creek Township Clerk,
Julie Urbatch
07-05-2022 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisor's
08-02-2022
