Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday October 2, 2018, 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. Supervisor Ludenia called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 62 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 Ness. All present in favor. Motion Passed. Chairman Hanson continued with the P & Z Meeting.

Members Present:

Barry Heikkinen Sandy Forsman John Hansen Dan Ness Mike Ludenia Tom Vanek Chris Klein Richard Chwalek Ross Stodola

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Minutes of 09/04/2018. Motion to approve minutes by Richard Chwalek. Second by Tom Vanek. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

CHAIR REPORTS: Old Business: New Business:

Joe Cheney: 4802 128th St NW Petitions to rezone and a CUP for an unplatted 4 lot subdivision. Mr. Cheney was present to discuss the plan. The new plan is for a total of 4 lots. One will be with the existing house. They are 4 long finger lots with driveways on Ferman Ave. It is zoned Ag now. He feels this what the people on the lake thought they could live with at the last meeting he attended. The lots would be 11 to 12 acres. A member of the audience Bill Fairbanks would like to have in the minutes how each member of the board feels about how the plan benefits the neighborhood. Supervisor Heikkinen: it does not benefit. Supervisor Forsman: concern is if it is a hazard to the lake. Supervisor Klein: not a benefit but does not hurt. John Hanson agrees with Supervisor Klein. Dick Chwalek: It does not hurt or help. Tom Vanek: Not a benefit to the neighborhood. Supervisor Ludenia: Not a hindrance or a benefit. Supervisor Ness: Not healthy for the lake. There was discussion about septic systems, size of lots, the small size of the lake, boat traffic, the lots being split again, additional traffic on 128th St., impact on people and wildlife. Greg Larson, President of the Lake Association has talked to the DNR, DNR has ideas of what they would like but they have no authority to enforce them. The lake association would like to only have a couple driveways coming unto Ferman Ave and keep boat access to a minimum. Mr. Cheney was asked what would be his plan b. He has talked to Three Rivers Park District and they said they would be interested in talking about it. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve the rezoning of this land to the Shoreland District and the current layout for a 4 lot subdivision. Second by Richard Chwalek. Motion Passed 5 yes 4 no.

Unfinished Business: Land Use Plan Discussion

Chairman Hanson, Supervisors Forsman & Ness explained the difference between Land Use & Zoning. They talked about the history of the Land Use Plan, why there is a plan and should the plan be changed or stay with the current plan. Some of the current P & Z Committee members feel the Land Use Plan should stay the same, because it was reviewed and changed only 10 years ago. Other member's feel we should review it now and make changes if needed to plan for future growth. This meeting was to see what interest there is from Silver Creek residents. Many residents present spoke about wanting changes and others spoke about leaving the current land use plan as it is. A paper ballot was taken of the people present. The count from the people present and emails received before the meeting was 43 yes and 44 no. It was decided to continue taking property owners letters/emails concerning the issue until midnight October 05, 2018.

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Misc.:
Upcoming Items:
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Supervisor Klein to adjourn. Second by Dick Chwalek. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.
Respectfully Submitted, Silver Creek Township Clerk, Nancy Betzler 10/02/2018 Minutes Approved by Board of Supervisor's 12/04/2018