

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 4, 2016
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Chuck Grams, Barry Jacques and Joe Smentek. County staff members Aaron Stubbs, Chris Meeks, Scott Salsbury, Chris Hedin and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2016 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated there was no change to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 13-16

Scott & Corralee Borgmeier - Request for review and approval of the Final Plat of Borgmeier's Jamestown Subdivision. A Subdivision Plat consisting of one lot and one outlot. The property is zoned Agricultural and is located in the Southern half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southern half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter both located in Section 32 of Jamestown Township.

Mr. Hedin presented the staff report.

The applicants were represented by Bob Smith of Survey Services. Mr. Smith had no additional comment.

There was no public comment.

Kurt Anderson commented on the inclusion of the customary agricultural disclosure statement in the recommendations of the report. Mr. Anderson advised the commission of the Key City Conservation Club located approximately 2,500 feet to the east of the proposed lot and asked if another cautionary statement should be added to alert prospective buyers of the nearby sportsman's club. He added that trap shooting and handgun leagues often take place at the club.

Joe Smentek added to the discussion commenting on the presence of the Minnesota DNR wildlife management area (WMA) which is open to public hunting.

Mr. Leary indicated he would discuss this matter with the assistant county attorney that has been working recently with the Environmental Services office.

Following the discussion, Mr. Smentek made a motion to forward to the County Board, a recommendation of approval of the request based on the findings presented by staff with the addition of a disclosure statement on the gun club and WMA. Bill Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PC 15-16

Blue Earth County - Request for an Ordinance Amendment to change the official 911- road name of State Highway 66 outside of the city limits of Mankato.

Mr. Hedin presented the staff report.

Mr. Salsbury presented the staff report.

Mr. Stubbs advised the commission that he had received a phone call earlier in the day supporting the option of Old Hwy 66. He also indicated he had received a letter earlier in the day supporting the same option.

Dan Hager, Lori Bartell, Mary Smyth, James Dungan, and Dennis & Jan Goedtel all spoke in favor of the “Old Hwy 66” option.

Kurt Klinder was present on behalf of the City of Mankato. Mr. Klinder stated that Old Hwy 66 or Carney Avenue would be the preferred options of the city. He added that if the area were to be annexed into the city limits, then Carney Avenue might work a little better. He added that County Road 1 is not a viable option due to addressing and 911 issues.

Mr. Femrite commented on the historic name recognition of Old Hwy 66.

Mr. Bruender referenced the number of name changes on old highway 14 from Eagle Lake to Mankato.

Following the discussion, Mr. Smentek made a motion to forward to the County Board, a recommendation of approval of the Ordinance Amendment to change the official 911-road name of State Highway 66 outside of the city limits of Mankato to Old Hwy 66. Mr. Bruender seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. Bill Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Smentek and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date