

# **Joint Empire Township Town-Board / Planning Commission, Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2021**

The Empire Township Planning Commission and Continuation of Town Board meeting was called to order by Trent Larson and Terry Holmes at 8:00 PM.

Present were Trent Larson, Jared Sachs, Bob Bjerke, Doug Clark, Jamie Elvestad, Terry Holmes, Eric Hanson, Jane Kansier, Brad Fisher, and Charles Seipel-Teng. Commission Member Tom Kaldunski was absent.

The Planning Commission reviewed a proposal by Ralph Hanson to relocate a home from Hastings to the property at 20655 Clayton Ave. Mr. Hanson provided photos of the home and a sketch of the proposed layout of the home on the existing property. The proposed home meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. A letter from the building inspector reported that the structure is compliant with the Minnesota Building Code. Mr. Hanson plans to bring the home to the site in the first week of July.

Jared Sachs made a motion to approve the relocation of a home by Ralph Hanson to the property at 20655 Clayton Ave. Bob Bjerke seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Planning Commission reviewed a request for comment on the environmental assessment from the City of Lakeville for the proposed Brookshire residential development. The proposed development is directly adjacent to Empire Township, west of the border with Lakeville, along 170th Street. The development will contain 808 housing units and fill up the last remaining developable parcels in the northeast corner of Lakeville.

The Planning Commission had questions about road access and what is proposed for water, sewer and street infrastructure along the border.

Jane Kansier and Brad Fisher reported that they will have environmental review staff look at the proposal and bring more information back to the Planning Commission. The deadline to comment is July 1st.

The Planning Commission turned the meeting over to the Town Board.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the relocation of a home by Ralph Hanson to the property at 20655 Clayton Ave. Eric Hanson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held on future development in Empire Township. It was recommended that a meeting be set up with the township attorney and the Town Board, Planning Commission, and Park & Rec. Committee to answer questions and concerns.

It was noted that the EFPAC meeting has been postponed until later this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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Terry Holmes Chairman, Town Board

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Charles Seipel-Teng, Clerk – Treasurer