

## **Planning Commission Meeting Minutes January 7, 2020**

The Empire Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Tom Kaldunski at 8:00 PM.

Present were: Tom Kaldunski, Trent Larson, Jared Sachs, Bob Bjerke, Chris Williamson, Jane Kansier, Charles Seipel, and liaison Jamie Elvestad.

Further discussion was held on future development within Empire Township. The Township should work with Dakota County in planning for future roadways and mapping out collector roads that would serve new development. It was discussed that development directly south of Rosemount likely won't occur for many decades due to mining activities in that area.

It was recommended that the Planning Commission invite Brian Hilgardner to an upcoming meeting to discuss existing and future water and sewer infrastructure and how it relates to the comprehensive plan.

The Planning Commission reviewed the notice of a comprehensive plan amendment from the City of Apple Valley for the rezoning of a 23-acre site at 8661 140th Street West from Private Recreation to Low Density Flex Residential. The Planning Commission had no comment on the amendment.

A new shed on the Daren Betzold property is being used as a residential dwelling without having the proper building rights. This issue should be brought before the Town Board.

Jane Kansier reported that a public hearing for the McNamara Mining IUP renewal and zoning request has been scheduled for the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Jane Kansier reported that Verizon Wireless has withdrawn their application for the proposed monopole communications tower at 2735 Vermillion River Trail.

The Planning Commission viewed a photo of a new sign at 21000 Blaine Ave. The sign was constructed in the road right of way and without a permit. The property owner should be invited to a future Planning Commission meeting to discuss relocation and permitting of the sign.

Chris Williamson reported that he has been contacted from a real estate agent about the possibility of a local company purchasing the Kwik Trip property for the construction of a private recreational facility.

It was reported that the next EFPAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30 PM, at Empire Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.