

Empire Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2021

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

Present were: Tom Kaldunski, Trent Larson, Jared Sachs, Doug Clark, Jane Kansier, Denise Williamson, and liaison Jamie Elvestad.

Denise Williamson read the public hearing notice for the scheduled public hearing.

Public Hearing- A hearing to consider issuing an Interim Use Permit to Aggregate Industries to allow the continuation of the current extraction operation was opened.

Jane Kansier reported that Aggregate Industries will be using this site for mineral extraction operations for the next year. Mining is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. Aggregate Industries is asking for an extension of the existing IUP for another 5 years until, March 2026.

No comments from the public were received for the public hearing.

Jerod Sachs made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Tom Kaldunski seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held to approve the IUP 5-year extension but to have Aggregation Industries check back in 4 years as they are expecting to be done extracting by the end of 2021.

Trent Larson made a motion to recommend approval of the IUP renewal for Aggregation Industries based on the recommendations discussed in the public hearing. Jerod Sachs seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

David Marsh from M & J Services LLC, 204 1st Street, Farmington, is looking to build a house at 20735 Clayton Avenue. Planning Commission consensus supporting building plans.

Jane Kansier reported City of Lakeville proposed comp plan amendments. Empire Township Planning Commission had no comments at this time regarding the comp plan amendments.

Dakota County information on plans to realign CSAH 46 and CR 81 (Clayton Avenue) were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.