
Board Members Present-Representing

Brad Wilkening, Chair, Becker Township
Brian Kolbinger, Vice-Chair/Chair Becker Township
Tracy Bertram, City of Becker Mayor - R
Mark Rask, Becker Township
Rick Hendrickson, City of Becker – R

Absent: none

Staff Members Present

Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney – R
Ben Wikstrom – Twp Planning Consultant - R
Mary Roe – Planner, City of Becker -R
Lucinda Messman – Township Clerk

R=Remote attendance

Also Present: Shannon Barthel - R

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01, “Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota’s Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19,” declaring a peacetime emergency under Minn. Stat. § 12.31, subd. 2. Also, the Center for Disease Control has labeled COVID-19 as a pandemic illness since COVID-19 poses a risk to the health, welfare. Anyone wishing to attend was asked to notify the clerk so space accommodations could be verified/determined. Remote attendance has been and will continue to be made available during this time via Zoom platform.

Joint Planning Board special meeting called to order by Chair Wilkening at 7:00 p.m. Quorum Verified.

Motion to approve agenda by Kolbinger. Second by Bertram. Motion carried. Bertram – Aye, Hendrickson – Aye, Kolbinger – Aye, Rask – Aye, Wilkening – Aye. All voting in favor.

Motion to approve November 2020 Minutes as distributed by Rask. Second by Hendrickson. Motion carried, Bertram – Aye, Hendrickson – Aye, Kolbinger – Aye, Rask – Aye, Wilkening – Aye. All voting in favor.

New Business

Boundary Adjustment – Shannon Barthel, Applicant. Gail Wilkinson Irrevocable Trust and Tom Barthel, Owners.

- Planning Commission held public hearing on December 14. No public comments.
- City staff inquired if 20 acre minimum lot size needed for this un-platted parcel
 - Township Attorney advised
 - By code, before this action, this is a buildable lot of record as defined in our ordinance
 - Proposed adjustment will not make it less conforming
 - This boundary adjustment is appropriate in this situation and why this option is available in option.
- Currently, there is a 2.12 acre parcel within a 37.14 acre parcel. By allowing this boundary adjustment to go forward,
 - the 37.14 acre parcel will get smaller, giving land
 - to the 2.12 acre parcel, creating a 3.17 acre parcel
 - dedicating right of way along the larger parcel for 67th Street (smaller parcel will be dedicating right of way as well)
- both parcels are zoned General Rural

- This new boundary would allow the smaller parcel to meet General Rural minimums as indicated
 - 2.5 acre lot size
 - 200' width
 - 300' depth
 - 40,000 s.f. buildable area
 - 67' setback from a township right-of-way
- Survey shows proposed new home location

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends acceptance of the Certificate of Survey via Resolution 2020-24 and approval of the Boundary Adjustment via Resolution 2020-25 with the following conditions:

1. Compliance with any items mandated by the Township Engineer is required.
2. The approved adjustment must be recorded at the County by the applicant and submitted to the Becker Township offices with proof of recording.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-24: A Resolution accepting a Certificate of Survey of the Properties located at 18441 67th Street Southeast and Identified by Parcel Number 05-101-1100 by Rask. Second by Hendrickson. Motion carried, Bertram – Aye, Hendrickson – Aye, Kolbinger – Aye, Rask – Aye, Wilkening – Aye. All voting in favor.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-25: A Resolution approving a Boundary Adjustment Subdivision of the Boundary Between the Properties located at 18841 67th Street Southeast and Identified by Parcel Number 05-101-1100.

Other Business

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-26: A Resolution making Appointments for the Joint Planning Board Effective December 22, 2020 by Kolbinger. Second by Rask. Motion carried, Bertram – Aye, Hendrickson – Aye, Kolbinger – Aye, Rask – Aye, Wilkening – Aye. All voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Brad Wilkening, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk