

BECKER TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 P.M.

JANUARY 11, 2021

PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Brad Wilkening, Brian Kolbinger, Ryan Peckskamp, Cole Petroske

Absent: Frank Kasowski

Staff Present: Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, Lucinda Messman – Clerk, Mary Roe – City of Becker Planner (via zoom), Damien Toven – Township Attorney

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 The Becker Town Board passed Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Establishing The Ability Conduct Open Meetings By Telephone. The Town Planning Commission of Becker Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota, will conduct meetings having remote attendance possible through video and/or telephone so long as a health pandemic exists or an emergency is declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12. This meeting was held providing attendees to be in person or use the video/teleconferencing system.

Chair Wilkening called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum verified present.

Motion to approve November and December Minutes by Petroske, second by Peckskamp. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Motion to approve Agenda after adding Kennel Permit approval by Kolbinger. Second by Petroske. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Clerk presented a current version of Kennel Permit for approval for use as it has been so long since used. Much discussion ensued regarding the permit application form. **Motion to approve the permit application as it stands until revisions can be made by Peckskamp. Second by Kolbinger. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Planner Wikstrom brought forward some various items for Board input as far as level of significance to help with planning out items for accomplishing this year.

- Dog Kennel ordinance/permit needs to be redone to more clearly reflect private vs. commercial kennels
- Comprehensive Plan – we are at 7 years since reviewed last. Not bad. At this time it is not an urgent need unless issues arise. Mixed use nodes and neighborhood commercial do need to be reworked. The City Comprehensive plan does have these sections completed, possibly use theirs for a base. Medium density residential, industrial 1 vs. industrial 2, solar and a few other areas could use work as time allows.
- Inventory land-locked parcels – this one needs to be done sooner rather than later
- Shipping Containers – review ordinances for possible allowing of smaller container size
- Ordinance Height is confusing as written

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- Eaves - definition when determining if any can go into the drainage and utility easement is needed - measuring to foundation line with reasonable allowance - what does that mean
- Mother in law suite - separate entrances usually means it can easily turn into rental that is not allowed. As long as the same entrance, attached to the main home, then it is a mother in law area rather than a rental unit.

Adjourn 7:56 p.m.



Brad Wilkening, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk