BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

April 24, 2019

Call to Order:
On this 24th day of April, 2019 the regular monthly meeting of the Baldwin Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Richard Marshall at 7:17 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:
Commissioners present were Richard Marshall, Richard Harris, Sherry Newman and Clarence Mattson. Baldwin Town Board Liaison Bryan Lawrence was present. The Claim Forms were filled out and returned.

Approve / Disapprove Agenda:
Changes to the agenda:

- Move 'New Business' to above 'Old Business'
- Add 'Oath of Office for Commissioner Harris' to the agenda of May 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

Chairman Richard Marshall welcomed the guests present reminding them that the Baldwin Township Planning Commission serves at the pleasure of the Baldwin Township Town Board. The Planning Commission is an advisory board that makes recommendations to the Town Board. It was stressed that the final decisions are made by the Baldwin Township Board of Supervisors.

Reminder: All guests please sign the Sign-In Sheet.

Secretary's Report:
Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019:
A motion was made by Commissioner Newman to approve the Planning Commission Special Meeting minutes of March 20, 2019 which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall; all in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission Minutes of March 27, 2019:
A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to approve the Planning Commission minutes of March 27, 2019 which was seconded by Commissioner Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019:
The approved Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 27, 2019 were handed out and are to be filed in the commission books.

Land Use Requests:
IUP Business Selling Vehicles, Boats, Farm Equipment / Mason Mathieu:
Applicant Mason Mathieu is requesting an Interim Use Permit for a business selling vehicles to the public on PID #01-004-4240. M2 Auto LLC will be engaging in the sales of vehicles to the general public mainly through the use of on-line sales and by appointment only. The property will be used for a customer / sales office. The applicant does not plan on having more than five (5) vehicles on site at any one time. After assuring the commission that there would be no auto repairs on site, and that there would be parking for the occasional walk-in customer, ***a motion was made by Commissioner Harris to recommend approval to the Baldwin Town Board to approve the Interim Use Permit for M2 Auto LLC for the sale of vehicles to the public at the property known as 31913 – 124th Street in Baldwin Township in the urban expansion district based on the satisfaction of all the caveats from Sherburne County which was seconded by Commissioner Mattson; all in favor; motion carried.***

Communications:
None.

New Business:

a. Information / Six-Month Moratorium on IUP's for Solar Farms and Solar Energy Systems / Sherburne County
b. Information / Discussion on Moratorium on Solar Farms / Sherburne County
c. Information / Sherburne County Resolution #032619-AD-1892 / Interim Ordinance: ORD 235 / Sherburne County
d. Information / Interim Ordinance / Ord. No. 235 / Moratorium on IUPs for Solar Farms / Sherburne County
e. Information / AMD Zoning Ordinance / Ord. No. 236 / Sec 15 Miss and Rum Ord Sec 5 Definition / Sherburne County
f. Information / AMD Zoning Ordinance / Ord. No. 237 / Sec 5 and Sec 17 Rec Vehicles / Sherburne County

There was discussion from the commissioners regarding the Sherburne County Board adopting a six-month moratorium on Interim Use Permits for solar farms and other solar energy systems along Highway 10, 25 and 169 in the Townships of Big Lake, Livonia and Baldwin. This was adopted to examine potential and planned land uses and transportation connections in these corridors and determine if they are appropriate for solar energy systems which would be in place for 25 to 30 years. At the April 15, 2019 regular meeting of the Baldwin Township board of supervisors it was unanimous to disapprove the Sherburne County Interim Ordinance No. 235; Moratorium on IUP's for Solar Farms.

The proposal to construct a solar farm on the Prairie Restoration property is not affected by this ordinance.

The Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance No. 236 amending Section 15 of the Mississippi and Rum Scenic and Recreational River Ordinance; and the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance No. 237 amending Section 5, Subd 2 definitions updating the definition of Recreational Vehicles and delete the definition of Travel Trailer as well as amending Section 17 adding Subd 18 namely Recreational Vehicle Use and Storage Regulations and add the regulations for Parking of Recreational Vehicles was approved by Sherburne County on April 11, 2019.

Old Business:
Discuss / Update 'Land Uses' of Comprehensive Plan:
Progress on updated the Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan continues to move forward.

Commissioner's Corner:

- Commissioners Harris and Marshall will look into Urban Expansion clarification.
- Shipwreck Boat Repair, located at 9722 – 18th Street, appears to be out of compliance with the Sherburne County Conditional Use Permit. Lawrence will have discussion added to the agenda of the regular meeting of Baldwin Township on May 6, 2019.

Adjourn:
A motion was made by Commissioner Mattson which was seconded by Commissioner Newman to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. with a special Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk

Richard Marshall, Chairman

5-22-19
Date

Attendees: Mason Mathieu