

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

February 27, 2019

Call to Order:

On this 27th day of February, 2019 the regular monthly meeting of the Baldwin Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Richard Marshall at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Commissioners present were Richard Marshall, Richard Harris and Clarence Mattson. Commissioner Sherry Newman is excused. Baldwin Town Board Liaison Bryan Lawrence was in attendance as well as Baldwin Township Park Board members Tom Rush, David Patten, Cory Magnuson and Lester Kriesel. The Claim Forms were filled out and returned.

Approve / Disapprove Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Mattson; 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 Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2019:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 23, 2019 which was seconded by Commissioner Harris; all in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2018:

The approved Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 28, 2018 were handed out and are to be filed in the commission books.

Land Use Requests:

Approve / Disapprove Second Access to Township Road / JDA Builders / Joe and Vanessa Berger:

A Permit Application for a Second Access to a Township Road was submitted by JDA Builders for property owned by Joe and Vanessa Berger located in Lot 2; Block 2 of Prairie Creek Estates. The applicant is requesting permission to construct a second driveway on the back side of said property with the entrance of the second driveway located off of 311th Avenue NW. *A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to recommend approval to the Baldwin Township Board to allow a second access to property located in Prairie Creek Estates, Parcel ID 01-520-0210 contingent on applicant obtaining a driveway permit from Baldwin Township as well as paying for the fees involved which was seconded by Commissioner Mattson; all in favor; motion carried.*

Review Letter Sent by Resident / Kingsmon Addition:

A letter from Ms. Violet Grammond was reviewed by the commissioners regarding a request for sidewalks in the Kingsmon Addition of Baldwin Township so that she could safely skateboard and ride her bike. Ms. Grammond's request will be put on the March 18, 2019 agenda of the regular meeting of Baldwin Township for discussion. Commissioner Marshall and Liaison Lawrence will draft a letter of response to Ms. Grammond, and perhaps schedule a meeting with her in order to address her concerns.

Communications:

There is still time to submit feedback to the proposed amendments to Sherburne County Zoning Ordinances regarding exterior storage of vehicles, accessory buildings and the use of shipping containers for accessory buildings.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Joint Meeting with Baldwin Park Committee:

Since the Planning Commission has been discussing Land Use, the Baldwin Township Park Committee requested to have a joint meeting to discuss the possibility of collaborating ideas to locate areas where future parks could be located. At present, Baldwin Township has Young Park and Goose Lake Park. There was discussion on the amenities of the existing parks as well as the goals for future parks. An original plan of the Park Committee was to locate a major park in each of the four quadrants of the township. To raise funds to finance parks, there was discussion regarding potentially available grants to pursue as well as raising the park dedication fees. The dilemma that was put forth is how to keep a balance between preserving the rural atmosphere of Baldwin Township and yet provide all the amenities that the residents seem to want. Needless to say there was a good exchange of ideas that covered the goals of both committees. It was agreed that the committees would meet from time to time to re-evaluate on whether they were still on the same page.

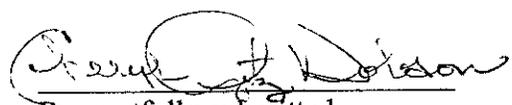
Commissioner's Corner:

- Commissioner Mattson said he will be collaborating with Commissioner Newman to review what the Planning Commission has done to date.
- It was decided that the Planning Commission should schedule a special meeting to discuss 'Land Use' on March 20, 2019. The deputy clerk will request it to be on the agenda of the regular meeting of Baldwin Township for approval on March 4, 2019.

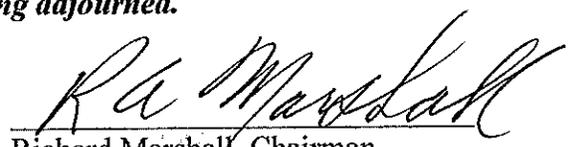
- It's encouraged that the commissioners take advantage of the workshops that are offered. The workshop registrations as well as mileage are paid by the township.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris which was seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. with the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on March 20, 2019 with the Park Committee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk



Richard Marshall, Chairman

3-27-19
Date

Attendees: Joseph Berger