



BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 30, 2016

Call to Order:

On this 30th of March 2016 the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Baldwin Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Bryan Lawrence at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Commissioners present were Bryan Lawrence, Richard Marshall, Rich Harris, Deborah Guy and Judy Thorson. Commissioner Peggy Patten is excused. Planner Bridget Chard was also present as well as Liaison Larry Handshoe. The sign in sheet is attached. Added to the revised agenda is "Comprehensive Action Plan Work". *A motion was made by Commissioner Thorson to approve the March 30, 2016 revised agenda which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall; all in favor; motion carried.*

Secretary's Report:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 24.February.16: *A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to approve the February 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall; all in favor; motion carried.*

Handout Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2016: The Planning Commission minutes of January 27, 2016 were handed out to be put into the Commissioner's Books.

Land Use Requests: None.

Communications:

- **Liaison:** Liaison Larry Handshoe introduced himself as well as noted his background with Baldwin Township.
- **Interview:** Kimberly Good, a resident of Baldwin Township for over 25 years, was interviewed for a position to the Baldwin Township Planning Commission. Her statement of interest is 'to help effectively grow our community'. She has been a previous township supervisor as well as has served on the Sherburne County Park Commission and the Baldwin Park Committee.
- **Fees for Planning Commission:** No change.

- **Notice of Position:** Posting in the Princeton Union-Eagle and the Baldwin Township Website will be made for two (2) vacancies for the Baldwin Township Planning Commission.

Old Business:

- **Solar Language:** The Planning Commission had tabled discussion of the new Solar Ordinance and some language changes from January. Commissioner Lawrence informed the committee that the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning is not going to meet in the month of March, and he feels that perhaps the solar companies may have backed off for the time being.
- **Wicklender Variance Approval:** Even though the Wicklander Septic Variance was approved by Sherburne County Planning and Zoning, there was discussion and questions concerning neighboring tanks and drain fields as well as noting that the lots are very small. Planner Chard will contact the county for further information.

Comprehensive Action Plan Work: Submitted as a rough draft Commissioner Marshall submitted an update on the Community Services portion of the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Marshall indicated that it is his personal goal to condense the language in the Comprehensive Plan since it is considered a living document in progress. The Comprehensive Plan should move the community forward and is a vision for the future of the community. Not only is the Comprehensive Plan a vision for the community but also a historical assemblage of facts and ideas and ideally should be looked at and updated periodically.

Commissioner Thorson submitted a 2016 Action Plan for Community Services to the commission. It was suggested the document be put into the main pocket of the Comprehensive Plan Book until such time it would be presented at a public hearing.

New Business:

Continuance of Community Meetings: Since the past community meetings were a success, it was discussed and will be taken into consideration whether the Baldwin Planning Commission would like to continue reaching out to the community in this way.

GTS Classes/Training: There has been no published schedule yet.

Recommendation on Planning Commission to Town Board: *A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to approve recommending to the Baldwin Town Board to reappoint Commission Harris to the Baldwin Planning Commission which was seconded by Commissioner Guy; all in favor; motion carried.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to approve recommending to the Baldwin Town Board the appointment of Kimberly Good to the Baldwin Planning Commission which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall; all in favor; motion carried.

Thank you to Commissioner Judy Thorson for her commitment and dedication to the Baldwin Township Planning Commission. On behalf of the Planning Commission it has been a pleasure working with her.

Commissioner's Corner:

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorson which was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence with an accepted friendly amendment to have hard copies available if the overhead is not used to have two (2) Planning Commission packets available to the public. There was discussion that this should be an agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorson to withdraw the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. All in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorson to officially add to the April agenda to have two (2) agenda packets available to the public which was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. All in favor; motion carried.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorson which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. with the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on April 27, 2016. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.


Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk


Bryan Lawrence, Chairman

4/27/16
Date

Amendments: _____