



BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 28, 2018

Due to lack of a Quorum, the March 28, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting convened to *discuss only* the proposed Amendment to the Sherburne County Ordinance to establish an Interim Use Permit for Rural Retail Tourism; and the Land Use section of the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan. No motion or action will be taken.

Roll Call:

Commissioners present were Richard Marshall and Richard Harris. Commissioners Kimberly Good, Scotty Harder, and Deborah Guy are absent. Baldwin Town Board Liaison Bryan Lawrence is present. The sign-in sheet is attached. The Claim Forms were filled out and returned.

Since hosting weddings and other events was not a permitted use in the General Rural Zoning District, David and Carla Mertz have submitted a proposal for an amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance to establish an Interim Use Permit for Rural Retail Tourism in the General Rural Zoning District of Sherburne County. Lawrence stressed that we are creating an ordinance which is not necessarily based on the Mertzs' request and that most of the issues and concerns that were discussed by the Baldwin Planning Commission will be addressed with an IUP.

Those issues included at this time, but not necessarily limited to, to define explicitly in the ordinance exactly what is 'rural retail tourism', establishing event frequency and definite hours of event; concern over hours of operation for staff as well as attendees; establishing and defining the use of tents; no overnight camping; traffic and impact on services; as well as alcohol usage, lighting, noise (music) and nuisance issues. The Baldwin Planning Commission indicated they are not opposed to the idea of an amendment but there definitely needs to be certain items of concern spelled out in the ordinance.

Chairman Marshall welcomed Sherry Newman. Newman's interest in the commission is to support and contribute to the future growth, change and stability of the community. She will be added to the April 16, 2018 regular meeting agenda for approval of appointment.

On the revision of the Land Use Section of the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan it was discussed to scrap the entire Land Use Plan as written, therefore using it only as an informational reference and extract sections as appropriate. It was stressed that the Land

Use Plan needs to be user friendly as well as simple and easy to follow for the residents of Baldwin Township. Commissioners Harris and Marshall will work independently to rebuild the Land Use Section of Baldwin Township's Comprehensive Plan.

The Commissioners present left the Baldwin Township Town Hall at 8:30 p.m.