BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

October 25, 2017

Call to Order:
On this 25th day of October 2017 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 Deborah Guy. Absent were Commissioners Scotty Harder and Kimberly Good. Baldwin Town Board Liaison Bryan Lawrence is absent. The sign in sheet is attached. The Claim Forms were filled out and returned.

Approve/Disapprove Agenda:

- A correction to the agenda to indicate that the North Country Acres land use request is a final plat approval or disapproval rather than a preliminary plat request.
- Discuss December 2017 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guy to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Harris; 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.

Secretary's Report:
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2017:
A motion was made by Commissioner Guy to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 27, 2017 which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall; all in favor; motion carried.

Handout Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2017:
The approved Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 30, 2017 were handed out and are to be filed in the commission books.

Land Use Requests:
Approval / Disapproval of Final Plat Approval of North Country Acres
A minor recommendation from Sherburne County Planning and Zoning according to Joe Glenn is to construct a holding area / water garden for water drainage off of Lot 14.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to approve recommending to the Baldwin Town Board to grant approval of the final plat approval of North Country Acres subject to entering into a Developer's Agreement with Baldwin Township which was seconded by Commissioner Guy; all in favor; motion carried.

Discuss Special Events on Private Property / Carla Mertz
Carla Mertz initiated discussion regarding holding on-going special event venues such as weddings on their 65 acre farm property located off of 136th Street in Baldwin Township. She said that she feels this service would be an asset to the township as well as surrounding businesses since there is not another venue such as this available in Sherburne County. Even though the event would be held at the Baldwin Township property, the organizer and planner of the event is actually Rockwood Bar & Grill located in Otsego, Minnesota. There was discussion on obtaining an I.U.P as well as insurance, liability, parking, and etc. issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to recommend approval to move forward with the concept as long as the inquiree (Carla Mertz) follows up with the Baldwin Town Board seeking their input; and that Carla Mertz involves Rockwood Bar & Grill in the discussions moving forward which was seconded by Commissioner Guy; all in favor; motion carried.

Communications:
None.

Old Business:
Discuss / Update 'Land Uses' of Comprehensive Plan
A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to table discussion on the Comprehensive Plan Land Uses until the November meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Guy; all in favor; motion carried.

Establish 2018 Meeting Schedule
A motion was made by Commissioner Guy to approve the 2018 meeting schedule as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall; all in favor; motion carries.

New Business:
Information / Order of Approval of Variance / Sean and Sarah Hary
For informational value.

Information / Order of Approval of Variance / Mark and Cynthia Casper
For informational value.

Information / Order of Approval of Variance / Duncan Johnson
For informational value.

Discuss December 2017 Meeting
A December 2017 meeting will be held only if needed.

Commissioner's Corner:
The annual organizational meeting will be held in January 2018.

Adjourn:
A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall which was seconded by Commissioner Harris to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. with the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on November 29, 2017. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk

Richard Marshall, Chairman

11-29-17
Date

Amendments: _____