

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

March 20, 2019

Call to Order:

On this 20th day of March, 2019 the special meeting of the Baldwin Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Richard Marshall at 7:02 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 arrived at 7:18 p.m. The Claim Forms were filled out and returned.

Approve / Disapprove Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newman to approve the special meeting agenda as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Mattson; all in favor; motion carried.

Discuss Land Use:

It was ultimately agreed that the Land Use section of the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan is the most important section of the Plan. It should show an outline and necessary documentation needed as well as where to look for further information.

After reviewing, trying to revise and struggling to update the Land Use portion of the Comprehensive Plan, the commissioners have determined that they have come to a roadblock with their endeavors. Determined to be one of the struggles with the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan is that a lot of the information confuses the purpose of the actual document, and that there is more verbiage than needs to be with no clear vision of the purpose. It was agreed that the Land Use portion of the plan needs to be a practical document.

The key is that the planning commission functions in land uses, and it's important to have the correct data as well as to have the Land Use portion of the Comprehensive Plan easy to navigate.

Commissioner Marshall presented a proposed 'Revision of Land Use Section of the Comprehensive Plan' outline.

1. Scrap entire Land Use Plan as written. Use only as info and extract sections as appropriate.
2. Determine order of Proposed Land Use Plan.
 - Introduction
 - Contents
 - Land Use Zones

- a) Definition of each
- b) Any specific ordinances for each
- c) Pertinent tables, maps and appendices for each
- Prospective Land Zoning as per Comprehensive Plan
- General Information
 - a) Overview of Township as is
 - b) General Goals for Community
 - c) Looking Forward
- Index

It was also agreed that the focus is to rewrite, and condense, the Land Use portion of the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan.

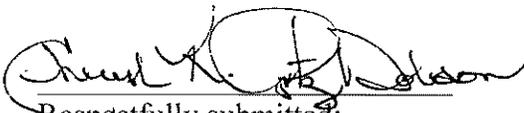
Commissioners Marshall and Harris will concentrate their efforts in rewriting, refining and/or revising the land use zones and sections, and provide definitions for such.

Commissioners Newman and Mattson will concentrate their efforts in rewriting, refining and/or revising the land use requests (ie IUP, CUP, Findings of Fact), blend the township and the county plans, and most frequently asked questions.

Liaison Lawrence encouraged each team to come back to the drawing board with a completed document or outline. It's important to get the Land Use section precise and accurate.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newman which was seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. with the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on March 27, 2019. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk



Richard Marshall, Chairman

APRIL 24, 2019
Date

Attendees: