

MORRISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

February 28, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Morrison County Planning Commission held a public hearing and regular monthly meeting in the Morrison County Government Center Board Room.

Regular Members Present: Brent Lindgren, Clint Kathrein, Dave Stish, Marvin Trettel and John Kunelius

Regular Members Absent: None

Commissioners Present: Jeff Jelinski, Randy Winscher, Mike LeMieur and Bobby Kasper

Commissioners Absent: Greg Blaine

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek, Hannah Kruse and Sharon Peterson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Robert Wall and Shannon Wettstein (SWCD)

Other members: Matt LeBlanc

Chairman Clint Kathrein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Clint Kathrein read the opening statement.

1. Election of officers

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to nominate Clint Kathrein for Chairperson. The nomination was all in favor.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to nominate Brent Lindgren for Vice-Chairperson. The nomination was all in favor.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to nominate Marvin Trettel for Secretary. The nomination was all in favor.

2. **Carmen Goldsmith – 23711 95th Ave; Randall, MN 56475 – Application for a Interim Use Permit to allow a kennel of up to 20 dogs for boarding and training; located in N ½ of SE ¼ of NW ¼, Section 4, Township 130, Range 30, Darling Township.**

Carmen Goldsmith was present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Sections 604.8 and 1230 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, Interim Use Permit Application, Interim Use Criteria Questions, setbacks, start up, expansion and current conditional use permit information, site plan, rendering of the proposed addition, aerial photo showing setbacks, two aerial photos of the property, staff report, aerial photo showing the surrounding area and kennel performance standards. There were 27 notices sent to neighboring property owners. Two comments were received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Interim Use Criteria Questions into record.

Carmen Goldsmith stated she has had animals get out. Sometimes the horses get out. Got rid of the goats due to them getting out. Have not have issues with dogs getting out.

Brent Lindgren asked what the phases would be. Carmen Goldsmith stated she would increase the amount of dogs over time. Carmen showed some pictures of her inside her home and outside where the dogs are allowed. Want to add a shed in the future for this use. Would not have 20 within the home. Brent asked if the campground is still being used as well. Carmen stated she does have people stay in her home and the camping area but not in the area where the dogs would be.

Marvin Trettel stated it seems like there are a lot of wheels turning on this property.

John Kunelius stated the current residence is approximately 500 or more feet away from another residence.

Dave Stish asked if 12 dogs could be handled now. Carmen Goldsmith stated she could. Dave asked if the garage is heated and cooled. Carmen stated it is. Carmen stated she has a calendar to keep track of the dogs that are coming and what time. There are thresholds that I limit myself to. Carmen stated all of the dogs coming in will have their shots up to date.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Exhibits 1 & 2, these are forms that Carmen Goldsmith stated she uses when dogs come into her care.

Carmen Goldsmith stated in the future a composting bin would be constructed for the manure that is generated.

Clint Kathrein stated there needs to be an end date. Clint asked if the number needed to be set. Amy Kowalzek stated there should be a set amount of dogs. We did advertise up to 20 dogs. Clint asked about the training. Carmen stated that if the owners of the dogs would like some training, I could do that as well. Most dogs would not stay longer than a few weeks.

Amy Kowalzek stated that if the business starts to go into whelping dogs there may be some State licensing requirements. What Carmen is proposing now does not require State licensing. The Board could still place conditions on the permit to follow State guidelines. Carmen Goldsmith stated that she already exceeds what the State requires.

Marvin Trettel asked about the hours. Carmen Goldsmith stated she does not have specific hours. The animals are booked ahead of time, so she knows when people are coming and going. Marvin stated maybe adding a condition of the hours of outside time for the dogs.

Audience Comment:

Mike Jasper – stated there are animals out all of the time. When they get out not much is done to get them back.

Cory Czech – stated the animals do get out. There are dogs that come on the road when people are walking by. When there is any thing happening in the area the dogs in this area are barking all of the time. This property is the lowest in the area and if the manure does not get cleaned up this may affect the water quality.

Clint Kathrein asked if there is going to be fencing for the dogs. Carmen Goldsmith stated this is correct. Clint stated if you own 20 acres and have 20 dogs this should not be an issue.

Possible conditions were discussed.

Brent Lindgren suggested limiting the number of dogs until the shed gets built.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to recommend approval of this request including four (4) conditions. The motion was seconded by John Kunelius. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on March 14, 2023.

The public hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to approve the December 27, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Marvin Trettel. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence – None

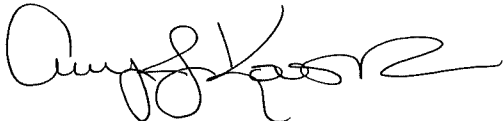
Old Business – None

New Business – None

A motion was made by Clint Kathrein to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Kowalzek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clint Kathrein, Chairperson
Brent Lindgren, Vice-Chairperson
Marvin Trettel, Secretary
Amy Kowalzek, Appointed Secretary
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