

MORRISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

March 29, 2022 – 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, Dave Stish, Marvin Trettel and Dave Brutscher

Regular Members Absent: Clint Kathrein

Commissioners Present: Jeff Jelinski, Mike LeMieur, Mike Wilson and Randy Winscher

Commissioners Absent: Greg Blaine

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek and Sharon Peterson

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

Vice-Chairman Dave Stish called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to nominate Clint Kathrein as Chairperson, the motion was seconded by Dave Stish. Marvin Trettel made a motion to close the nominees. The vote was all in favor.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to nominate Brent Lindgren as Vice-Chairperson. A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to nominate Dave Stish as Vice-Chairperson. The first nomination was seconded by Dave Stish, Marvin Trettel and Dave Brutscher.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to nominate Marvin Trettel as Secretary, the motion was closed by Dave Stish. The motion was all in favor.

2. **Matthew & Sarah LeBlanc – 16646 185th Ave; Little Falls, MN 56345 – Application for an Interim Use Permit to establish a small-scale kennel with up to 8 adult dogs; located in pt of the N ½ of the SW ¼, Section 28, Township 41, Range 31, Belle Prairie Township.**

Matthew & Sarah LeBlanc were 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 Request, Interim Use Criteria Questions, site plan, site photo, site plan, two (2) aerial photos, staff report, aerial photos showing the productive agricultural land, photo of the type of dog that will be bred, photo showing that at this time the dogs will be in the home, two (2) sketches of the proposed shed to house some of the dogs and performance standards for kennels. There were 31 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No comment was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Interim Use Criteria Questions.

Dave Stish asked about the wash water. Matthew LeBlanc stated that the area will be covered where the dogs will be. Will be adding a holding tank for waste water.

Sarah LeBlanc stated that they just moved here and found out they needed a permit to have this many dog for breeding. They only plan to have one to two litters per year. We will control the breeding by putting the male dog in the shed when the females are in heat.

Marvin Trettel stated that the neighbor is Rice Creek and they also have a kennel. Sarah LeBlanc stated that is correct, they are not boarding at this site any more.

Dave Brutscher stated it is exciting when they take the dogs out for training and exercise.

Brent Lindgren stated that the area where the dogs will be is centrally located on the property. Matthew LeBlanc stated that is correct. Brent asked how many vehicles per year will visit the site to pick up a dog. Matthew stated about sixteen vehicles.

Audience Comment:

Greg Colombe – stated he is with Belle Prairie Township and the Township does not have any issues with this request.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Dave Brutscher to recommend approval of this request with one condition. The motion was seconded by Brent Lindgren. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on April 5, 2022.

3. Freeman Miller – No property address – Application for an Interim Use Permit to establish a welding shop; located in pt of the SE ¼, Section 12, Township 42, Range 30, Platte Township.

Freeman Miller was present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Sections 604.8 and 1211.4 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, Interim Use Permit Request, Interim Use Criteria Questions, site plan, two (2) aerial photos, staff report, aerial photos showing proposed parcel split, Limited Rural Business performance standards and suggested condition if approved. There were 24 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No comment was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Interim Use Criteria Questions.

Freeman Miller stated the saw mill was his bothers. I have the welding shop. The first year was a struggle. Now I cannot keep up. Now I do repairs and new fabricating. I would like to hire an employee. Now have people help here and there.

Dave Brutscher asked if there was competition in the area. Freeman Miller stated he does but is still busy.

Marvin Trettel asked what is running the business now. Freeman Miller stated generators and will move to the new location. The generators may be bigger in volume that what I use now.

Dave Stish asked if both owners of the property will have interest due to the sale being a contract for deed. Amy Kowalzek stated it does. Believe at the DRT meeting we have a written statement from Marcel Hayes that he is ok with the request.

Audience Comment:

Jerry Hayes – stated we need this profession in the area. There are a lot of things that need to be fixed or worked on.

Marcel Hayes – stated the area is going to lose the welders we have in the area now and we need to be able to keep this young one in the area.

Felty Borntreger – stated he is ok with the request as long as the applicant does not shoot all of the deer.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to recommend approval of this request with condition. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on April 5, 2022.

The public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marvin Trettel. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Kathrein, Chairperson
Brent Lindgren, Vice-Chairperson
Marvin Trettel, Secretary
Amy Kowalzek, Appointed Secretary
Morrison County Planning Commission