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**CASCADE TOWNSHIP
OLMSTED COUNTY-MINNESOTA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

December 19, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Moore at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Commissioner Gary Moore, Commissioner Chip Applegath, Commissioner Bruce Walk, Commissioner David Lucas, Supervisor Brad Brech and Associate Commissioner Joe Adamson were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees: Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, Jered Staton (TCPA), Supervisor Arlen Heathman, and six citizens.

Call to the Audience for Changes or Additions to Agenda: Nothing to add or change to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 21, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Commissioner Applegath made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing:

Commission Chair Moore re-opened the public hearing on the CUP application 23-02 by Eagle Brook Church. It was stated by Commissioner Moore that the county is still working on the traffic analysis that will govern the access to 75th Street. Until that work is completed, the CUP application is being held and a new public hearing will occur when this is completed. The open hearing will likely be at the February meeting. Jered Staton of the TCPA stated that the county talked to him today and said they had completed gathering data and the report would take 4-6 weeks to complete. The public meeting was closed and the residents in attendance were thanked for coming and they left.

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Maintenance Reviews:

- None

Study Session: None

Continuing Business:

- **CUP - 20-01, West Side Solar:** Commissioner Moore stated that we will work to schedule a review. West side solar representative will be on the phone and Dick Bierbaum will represent RPU in person.
- **Status of “Loy Event Barn” and IUP – 20-01:** Mr. Loy knows that he needs to work with the building inspectors and will likely come back for a CUP for the once the inspections are passed.
- **Status of Dohrmann issue.** Work is ongoing in respect to the required grading plan.

New Business:

- Township Board Updates: Supervisor Brech provided a brief general update from the Town Board meeting. Two items for the commission to note are the letters sent to Jordan Walker, owner of the home on 16th Ave that is currently running a rooming house without permit and to Mr. Binkley who is operating an Airbnb and campground on property on 55th Street without permit. Both are required to respond to the Board by December 21, 2023. Mr. Walker has stated he will be at the February Board meeting.
- Commissioner Brech asked Jered about all of the dirt being moved on the south side of 75th Street between Hwy 53 and 18th Ave. He will look into this.
- Commissioner Applegath asked about some dumping he saw occurring on the east side of 18th Ave, south of the Greenwood Nursery. Jered is going to contact the land owners and look into this.

Upcoming Meetings: A quorum of the Planning Commission may be present at these upcoming meetings: Township Board Meeting, January 8, 2024; next Planning Commission Meeting will be January 16, 2024.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Brech, seconded by Commissioner Walk. The motion was approved 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Brech, Scribe

Gary Moore, Chairperson