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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2023

Call to Order – Meeting started at 6:01 PM

Roll Call: Supervisor Arlen Heathman (sitting in for Supervisor Brech), Commissioner Gary Moore, Commissioner Cheryl Adolphson, Commissioner Chip Applegath, Commissioner Bruce Walk and Associate Commissioner Joe Adamson were all present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees: Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, Jeff Olsgard (Veit), Jerry and Nancy McGinnis (Greenwood Plants)

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Applegath. Motion passed 5-0.

Call to Audience: Nothing to add to agenda.

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Maintenance reviews:

- **01-01 Greenwood Plants** was reviewed with Jerry and Nancy McGinnis representing Greenwood Plants and remains in compliance. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve, with the next review of CUP 01-01 to take place in February 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Applegath and was approved, 5-0.
- **19-01 Veit Disposal Systems** was reviewed with Jeffrey Olsgard representing Veit, and remains in compliance. Commissioner Applegath made a motion to approve, with the next review of CUP 19-01 to take place in February 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and was approved, 5-0.
- **20-03 Westside Solar LLC** – The transition between owner/developer to operations/management is still in process. The communication point is through Kevin Cooper at EDF Renewables, and as the transition is completed, the responsible CUP review contact person will be clarified.
- **16-03 Rochester Park, Garden Plots and Dog Park** – postponed until March 2023.

Study Session: None

Continuing Business:

- **Status of Loy IUP 20-01 regarding field driveway:** At the February 13, 2023 Cascade Town Board meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Loy stated that Olmsted County had verbally agreed to leave the field driveway as is until completion of the 65th Street construction project. The Town Board requested a copy of documentation confirming this agreement.
- **Status of requested letter from TCPA to Loy Show Barn regarding need for CUP:** Mr. and Mrs. Loy are working with TCPA on a CUP application. A part of the application process will include a building inspection for compliance with applicable codes for event facilities.
- **Status of property at 5610 Valley High Drive West (just west of solar farm) regarding commercial business without proper zoning or CUP:** A letter was sent from TCPA to Matthew Dohrmann, owner of the subject property, on January 4, 2023. Mr. Dohrmann is working with TCPA on both the requirements for a re-zoning request of the property, as well as a CUP application. The schedule of steps and actions is yet to be determined.

New Business:

- **Township Board Updates:** The primary updates from the February 13, 2023 Town Board meeting are summarized in **Continuing Business** above. Supervisor Heathman and Commissioner Adolphson provided a few further miscellaneous updates.

Round-the-Table: None

Upcoming Meetings: A quorum of the Planning Commission may be present at these upcoming meetings: Township Board meeting, March 13, 2023; Annual Town Meeting and Election, March 14, 2023. Next Planning Commission meeting will be March 21, 2023.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Applegath, seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion was approved 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Submitted:

Gary Moore, Scribe

Cheryl Adolphson, Chairperson