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--- TOWNSHIP ---

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

January 16, 2024

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

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Gary Moore, Commissioner Bruce Walk, Commissioner David Lucas, Supervisor Brad Brech and Associate Commissioner Joe Adamson (Arrived late) were present. Commissioner Chip Applegath was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendees:** Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, Jered Staton (TCPA), Supervisor Arlen Heathman, Supervisor Mike Black, and twelve citizens.

**Call to the Audience for Changes or Additions to Agenda:** Sheehan letter was added to the agenda under continuing business.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting was reviewed. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Walk. Motion passed 4-0.

**Public Hearing:**

Commission Chair Moore opened the public hearing on the Mathy rezoning request. The application calls for approximately 10 acres of AGRC-AER to HC, to develop property into approximately 4 highway commercial parcels. TCPA Staff, Jered read through the application and staff report on the matter and answered a few board questions. A representative of Mathy made a few remarks, stating this follows the agreements made in 2018 CUP process with the township. They noted that the buildings on the site have already been razed. No one spoke in favor of the application. One resident, Chuck Wallace, asked a question was asked about traffic. It was noted that as part of any permitting to build, a traffic study would be done by the county. No other comments against the application were voiced. The public hearing was closed, and the commission discussed the application. Commissioner Brech made a motion to send the application to the township board with a recommendation to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adamson. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

**Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Maintenance Reviews:**

- None

**Study Session: None**

**Continuing Business:**

- **CUP - 20-01, West Side Solar:** Commissioner Moore stated that the review will be at the March meeting.
- Based on the discussion at the December meeting, TCPA Staff reached out to Mr. Sheehan on the dirt movement on the 75<sup>th</sup> Street property. Mr. Sheehan is working with the TCPA on getting the proper drainage permits.

**New Business:**

- The current owner of CUP04-01, Brogan Heating and Air Conditioning came to ask about the process for the CUP, as she is selling the business. She noted that she will still own the property. Therefore the CUP will remain in place and she will continue to be responsible to the township for CUP reviews.
- Township Board Updates: Supervisor Brech provided a brief general update from the Town Board meeting. Three items of note were:
  - Binkley property: Mr. Binkley is working with TCPA Staff to get all issues resolved with the proper permits. A CUP request for the business (AirBNB) is likely to come forward when the permits and inspections are complete.
  - Dorman Property: After a fire complaint, the Township Board decided that the delays in meeting the proposed CUP conditions have gone too long. A letter is being sent to Mr. Dorman to cease and desist all illegal business activity on the Property.
  - The proposed High Voltage Transmission Line paths were discussed and noted that the Township Board signed a resolution that the current path be used.

**Upcoming Meetings:** A quorum of the Planning Commission may be present at these upcoming meetings: Township Board Meeting, February 12, 2024; next Planning Commission Meeting will be February 20, 2024.

**Adjournment:** A motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Walk, seconded by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was approved 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brad Brech, Scribe

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Gary Moore, Chairperson