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

March 19, 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, Commissioner Chip Applegath and Supervisor Brad Brech were present. Associate Commissioner Joe Adamson was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees: Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, Supervisor Arlen Heathman and one citizen.

Call to the Audience for Changes or Additions to Agenda: No changes

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 16, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Commissioner Walk made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing: None

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Maintenance Reviews:

- **CUP - 20-01, West Side Solar:** David Govert (Phone) from Ecofin Investments LLC and Dirk Bierbaum from Rochester Public Utilities were there to support the review. The review successfully passed Commissioner Brech made a motion to approve and set the next review for March 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Applegath and was approved on a 5-0 vote.
- **CUP – 11-01, SMB Disability Solutions:** This was postponed until April at the request of Steve Buehler.

Study Session: None

Continuing Business:

- Additional dirt movement south of 75th street was discussed Commissioner Brech stated he would talk to TCPA Jered on this.

New Business:

- 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: A grading plan has finally been submitted and is being reviewed.
 - Support for a land use amendment to the County Board was approved for the Nigon Family Farm to become suburban subdivision.
- Short Term Rental Ordinance: The Town Board has asked the Planning Commission to investigate a possible short term rental ordinance for the township. This was discussed and comments will be sent to the township clerk.

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

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Brech, seconded by Commissioner Applegath. The motion was approved 5-0 and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Brech, Scribe

Gary Moore, Chairperson