**NININGER PLANNING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING  
 July 1, 2024**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bremer, chair; Mary Dalaska, secretary; Gary Rotty, Ted Wagner

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Boetcher

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Bauer, Karen Bremer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Bremer at 8:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

MINUTES REVIEWED/APPROVED: Chair Bremer called for review of the minutes from the June 3, 2024, meeting. **Motion:** Ted Wagner made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Gary Rotty. **Member vote:** 4 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

* BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION: **Jake Gerl, 15825 Frame Avenue, Hastings, MN,** submitted a Building Permit Application to build a 1500-square-foot pole barn on his 1.8-acre lot. Construction includes a building 30 feet wide by 50 feet long with 12-foot side walls. Construction will be completed by Gerl Construction, 15825 Frame Avenue, Hastings, MN. The Planning Commission reviewed the construction plan and set-backs. **Motion**: Gary Rotty made a motion to recommend the Township Board, at their July 16 meeting, accept and approve the Building Permit Application pending approval by the township attorney and Inspectron. The motion was seconded by Ted Wagner. **Member vote:** 4 ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.  
  Gary Rotty will forward a copy of the permit application to the township attorney for review. Chair Bremer advised Mr. Gerl to attend the July 16 Township Board meeting to pay the permit fee and receive the final approved permit.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:

* ANIMAL CONCERNS: Concerns were raisedby **Ray Klym, 12538 Locke Boulevard, Hastings, MN,** regarding the number of animals on the adjacent property at **10210 Locke Boulevard owned by Richard and Melissa Anderson.** The concerns include the number of animals currently boarded on the .70-acre lot verses the number allowed by the township ordinance, debris (straw/grass/animal waste) discarded along the property line close to Mr. Klym’s home, and an increase in odors and rodents caused by the debris. Mr. Klym provided photos of the area. Chair Bremer stated Township Board Supervisor David Bauer will contact Inspectron and have them check the area, reach out to Mr. Klym with findings, and advise the Township Board of what items are in violation of the ordinance. Based on their findings, next steps will be determined by the Board.
* TREE REMOVAL: **Jay Frandrup, 15746 Freeborn Avenue, Hastings, MN,** inquired about removing approximately 20 dead trees along Freeborn Avenue in Frandrup Circle near County Road 46. Mr. Frandrup asked if the township has a contractor that would remove the trees. Chair Bremer stated that Luhman’s Construction would be contacted by the Planning Commission to remove those dead trees that are in the road right-of-way. Removal of trees on Frandrup property outside road right-of-way would be the responsibility of Mr. Frandrup. The Township will contact Mr. Frandrup regarding which trees will be removed by Luman’s and which he will be responsible for.
* RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING: The **Hastings Journal** erred in publishing the correct notice in their June 27 edition that would notify residents of the special public meeting on July 8, 2024, to discuss the assessments for the Furlong Drive construction. Placing the notice in the official township paper for two consecutive weeks is required by ordinance. Therefore, the public meeting is rescheduled to Aug. 5, 2024, at 8 p.m. at the Township Hall. The delay will cause construction to be moved to spring 2025.
* PINE BEND TRAIL CLOSING: The Township had a meeting with County officials regarding closing Pine Bend Trail. The County is okay with the road closing. Both entities agreed to share maintenance of the road — the Township will plow in winter; the County will mow and provide other necessary summer maintenance. If the Township Board approves the closure at their July 16 meeting, the Planning Commission will order gates and other materials needed to close the road. The County will provide steel posts for foot and bike traffic access.
* ROAD MAINTENANCE: Luhman’s Construction applied chloride to the township roads last week. Next week mowing will begin. With the wet weather, mowing may possibly be needed three times this season.
* ROUNDABOUT UPDATE: Township Supervisor Karen Bremer attended the Dakota County open house on the County Road 85/46 roundabout project. There is a delay with the project bids. The bid requests will be sent out July 9. Construction could start by the end of July and possibly extend as late as November. MNDOT needs to approve a contractor for the project. The utilities are in the process of being moved now.
* PROPOSED PARK ACQUISITION: Chair Bremer noted that, at the County meeting for Pine Bend Trail, the County presented a map of a proposed park acquisition that includes 390.82 acres on the west (Rosemount) side of Furlong Trail, north of Highway 55 to Pine Bend Trail. The acquisition is a long-term plan proposal at this point. The County is working with the new owners to purchase a portion of the property.
* ASPHALT REPAIR: A question was asked about the cracks in the asphalt on Locke Boulevard. Chair Bremer stated that Luhman’s is scheduled to fix the cracks and other holes in the area when they do their cold patch work. That work is weather dependent.
* Next Township Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7 p.m.
* Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, at 8 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: **Motion:** Gary Rotty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ted Wagner. **Member vote:** 4 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.   
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary Dalaska, Planning Commission Secretary