

NININGER PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2024

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

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Bremer, Bob Rotty

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Hamilton, Nininger Township attorney; Mark Schoenfelder, Nininger Township engineer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Bremer at 8:27 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

MINUTES REVIEWED/APPROVED: Chair Bremer called for review of the minutes from the July 1, 2024, meeting. **Motion:** Ted Wagner made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Gary Rotty. **Member vote:** 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

FURLONG TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL: Before making a motion on the Furlong Trail construction project, Chair Bremer called for any further comments from the Commission. Gary Rotty provided additional information on the origin of the proposed hybrid option. The hybrid option is a combination of Option B (that residents wanted) and Option C. The Planning Commission took Option B (at \$229,000) and added select parts of Option C (at \$419,000) to provide the best final product overall for the money. The \$340,000 estimate is the best estimation that can be provided today without knowing the condition of underlying roadbed. Chair Bremer suggested the Commission recommend the Township Board move ahead with the \$340,000 proposal to allow the engineer to do the boring and other work needed to provide a more accurate picture of the subsurface and what is needed to complete the project correctly. If there are unforeseen issues that need to be addressed, the Township will revisit the project scope to determine if other measures can be considered to keep costs within the project estimate. **Motion:** Chair Bremer made a motion to recommend the Board direct the township engineer to complete the borings and other work needed to provide a more detailed estimate to the Township Board before final construction approval. The estimate should incorporate costs for Furlong Trail reconstruction from Pine Bend Trail to Highway 55 including leveling the road at the west entrance leading to Highway 55. Motion seconded by Ted Wagner. **Member vote:** 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: The township attorney will send a letter to residents regarding the updated estimate and next steps.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION: John Wold, 6651 Courthouse Boulevard, Hastings, MN,** submitted a Building Permit Application to build a 630-square-foot detached garage on his lot that is 18 feet wide by 35 feet long and has 9-foot side walls. Construction will be completed by Sussel Builders, 654 Transfer Road 16B, St. Paul, MN 55114. The Planning Commission reviewed the construction plan and setbacks. **Motion:** Chair Bremer made a motion to

recommend the Township Board, at their August 20 meeting, accept and approve the Building Permit Application pending approval by the township attorney and Inspectron. Motion seconded by Ted Wagner. **Member vote:** 5 ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: Sussel Builders will forward two copies of permit to township attorney, Mike Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton will forward permit application to Inspectron. Sussel Builders will check with Inspectron to ensure permit is ready before board meeting on August 20.

- **BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION: Jacob Lodewegen, 12610 James Avenue, Hastings, MN,** submitted a Building Permit Application to build an addition onto his home. Construction includes building a 22-foot wide by 30-foot long addition. Construction will be completed by Klem and Son Construction, 131st Court South, Hastings, MN. The Planning Commission reviewed the construction plan and setbacks. The construction data section of the permit was incomplete. Chair Bremer reminded Mr. Lodewegen that the data needs to be provided before the permit can be approved. **Motion:** Ted Wagner made a motion to recommend the Township Board, at their August 20 meeting, accept and approve the Building Permit Application pending permit completion and approval by the township attorney and Inspectron. Motion seconded by Steve Boetcher. **Member vote:** 5 ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: Mr. Lodewegen will provide the completed permit application to Inspectron and the township attorney. Mr. Lodewegen will check with Inspectron to ensure permit is ready before board meeting on August 20.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:

- **ANIMAL/BUILDING CONCERNS:** Concerns were raised by **Wayne Koepke, 13905 Mississippi Court, Hastings,** regarding the number of animals on the adjacent property at **13979 Mississippi Court, Hastings.** The concerns include the number of out buildings and the number of animals currently boarded on the 1-acre lot verses the number allowed by the township ordinance. Chair Bremer stated the Township Board will contact Inspectron and have them check the area 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.
- **UPDATE FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD:** Township Board chair, Bob Rotty, stated the township's **contract with Luhman's Construction** expires in August. Dan Luhman will meet with Mr. Rotty before the next Township Board meeting to renew the contract.
Mr. Rotty received a message from **Roger Engdahl, 12245 Ivanhoe Way, Hastings** regarding **overgrown brush/trees along the road.** Mr. Engdahl requested a message be sent to area residents as a reminder to keep the brush/trees trimmed. Bob will contact Dan Luhman to schedule a drive through the area to discuss options for him or other contractor to clear the trees/brush from the right-of-way.
Luhmans Construction, the township's contracted construction company, is slated to **haul fill for the driveway at County Road 46 and Fischer Avenue** for Jay Frandrup. Mr. Rotty stated Dan Luhmans will contact Dakota County to see if the driveway construction will take place this year so they can schedule when the haul will need to be completed.
- **RESCHEDULE SEPTEMBER MEETING:** The next Planning Commission meeting lands on a federal holiday, therefore, the meeting will be moved to Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024, at 8 p.m. A notice regarding

the adjusted meeting date will be published on the Nininger neighborhood social media site and posted at the township hall.

- Construction start on the roundabout at County Road 46 and Goodwin Avenue is scheduled to start on August 15 after being postponed several times this construction season.
- Next Township Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 7 p.m.
- Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024, at 8 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: **Motion:** Mary Dalaska motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Chair Bremer. **Member vote:** 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Dalaska, Planning Commission Secretary