

NININGER PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Sept. 3, 2024

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

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Bremer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Bremer at 8:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

MINUTES REVIEWED/APPROVED: Chair Bremer called for review of the regular meeting and public hearing minutes from the August 5, 2024, meeting. Mary Dalaska noted two changes to the meeting minutes: 1) adding the attendance of Mike Hamilton, township attorney, and Mark Schoenfelder, township engineer; and 2) correcting the publication location for the meeting date change — removing the Hastings Journal and adding the Nininger Facebook page. **Motion:** Gary Rotty made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendments. Motion seconded by Steve Boetcher.

Member vote: 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

CIVIL MATTERS:

- **NOISE CONCERN:** A concern was raised by **Kellie Sundheim, 15746 Freeborn Avenue, Hastings,** regarding a loud, persistent screeching noise coming from a neighbor's backyard. The noise sounds day or night when movement is detected. It can be heard even when windows are closed. It was determined the device is a bird chaser and is not in violation of the township ordinance.
- **FARM ANIMAL SETBACKS:** Inspectron inspected the property at **10210 Lock Blvd., Hastings,** after concerns were raised about a potential township ordinance violation. Based on Inspectron's findings, David Bauer, township supervisor, talked to the property owner, **Richard Anderson,** about cleaning up the animal waste. In addition, Mike Hamilton, township attorney, sent a letter to the property owner addressing the violation for housing farm animals too close to neighboring occupied lots. The letter specified the actions needed to bring the issue into compliance with the ordinance including removing the animals or applying for a conditional use permit. Removing the animals and supplying a notice of removal or submitting an application for a conditional use permit is required by September 6, 2024.
- **ANIMAL/BUILDING CONCERNS:** Inspectron inspected the property at **13979 Mississippi Court, Hastings,** after concerns were raised about potential violations of the township ordinance. Inspectron noted that there is an unlicensed vehicle and trailer stored outside, and there are too many farm animal units for what is allowed on the .91-acre lot. Inspectron also noted that there are four 6-foot by 8-foot sheds on skids on the property that do not violate the ordinance. Based on Inspectron's findings, township attorney, Mike Hamilton, sent a letter to the property owners, **Kristian and Valeska Olsen,** addressing the violations for the vehicle and trailer storage, and number of animals. The letter specified the actions needed to bring the violations into compliance with the ordinance by September 6, 2024. NOTE: David Bauer, township supervisor, talked to the

property owners about the number of animals. Currently, the issue is on hold pending further review.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:

- PINE BEND TRAIL GATES: Bob Rotty, board chair; Karen Bremer, township supervisor; and John Bremer, planning commission chair, contacted Dakota County about installing gates on the north side of the intersection of Pine Bend Trail and Furlong Trail. The County Parks Department builds gates for their own use, so the Township contacted Jessie Frandrup about building the gates. Once the gates are built, the Township will arrange installation.
- BRUSH/TREE REMOVAL: Rivertown Tree Service cleared overgrown brush/trees in the right-of-way near 150th and Hogan. They will also clear brush/trees in the right-of-way in areas of lower Nininger.
- GRAVEL: Emerald Greens Golf Course paid to have gravel spread in some rough areas along 150th Street south of the golf course.
- ENTRYWAY UPDATE: Lodermeier is waiting for the last of the materials to finish construction on the new entryway to the township hall.
- NEXT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING is scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024**, at 7 p.m.
- NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2024**, at 8 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: **Motion:** Steve Boetscher motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Rotty. **Member vote:** 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Dalaska, Planning Commission Secretary