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Planning Commission Minutes

May 21, 2014

1. Call to Order-Chair Darrell Simonides called the Planning Commission meeting to order. The pledge was said.
2. Roll-Present were Dave Bomkamp, Blake Hullah, Ted Karnitz, Tim Sanders, Josh Jones and Chair Darrell Simonides. Jason Henschler was absent. A quorum was present.
3. Agenda-Dave Bomkamp moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Tim Sanders. Motion carried with a voice.
4. Citizens Comments-Ron Splan inquired about permitted animal count in agricultural districts and how it applied to leased land. The animal count cannot be applied to lease land for another property in the Town. Bill Brewer asked Attorney Joos if the State put any restrictions on the large dairy operations-No they do not per Attorney Joos.
5. Zoning Officer Report- Mike Birkholz reported there were 6 permits issued and there are some issues at Bootleggers that are being addressed.
6. Commission Comments-None
7. Minutes-Josh Jones moved to approve the minutes from March 19 as presented. Second by Ted Karnitz. Motion carried with a voice vote.
8. Unfinished Business-
 - a. Farmland Preservation and Contract-Wade Thompson, North Is Up Mapping Solutions was present to discuss his proposal for the Zoning Ordinance for Farmland Preservation Re-Certification. After lengthy discussion, Attorney Joos suggested the Town Board and Planning Commission decided what scope of work they want from Mr. Thompson to get a different cost estimate.
 - b. 4-H and FFA Animal Permit-Large Animals-Mike Birkholz asked for more input for regulations to this permit.
9. New Business-
 - a. Recommendation for Ordinance Amendment Request-Kelly Hughes, 1850 Sherwood Dr. petitioned the Town to amend the ordinance regarding fences changing the setback to a greater amount and various other suggestions. After lengthy discussion Attorney Joos suggested the Commission members view the property and submit possible wording for an amendment. Dave Bomkamp moved to table the request. Second by Blake Hullah. Motion carried with a voice vote.
 - b. Change Urban Ag Transition District(UAT) to Residential District1(R-1) in E. Ridge-Mike Birkholz recommended the Commission recommend to the Town Board to rezone UAT properties in East Ridge to Residential District 1. Dave Bomkamp moved to give a favorable recommendation to the Town Board to rezone the Urban Ag Transitional District in East Ridge to Residential 1. Second by Ted Karnitz. Motion carried with a voice vote.
10. Adjournment-Josh Jones moved to adjourn. Second by Tim Sanders. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Bennett
Clerk/Treasurer-WCMC