

**McLEOD COUNTY  
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 22, 2020**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Following an 8:00 A.M. Road Tour, the regular meeting of the McLeod County Planning Advisory Commission was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Larry Phillips at the McLeod County Environmental Service Center, Large Conference Room. **Members present:** Larry Phillips, Paul Merkins, Charles Hausladen, Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier and David Hoernemann. Also present were Marc Telecky, Environmental Services Director, Jacob McLain, Technician, Sandra Posusta, Secretary. **Others present:** John DeMeyer, Steve Krueger, and others.

**B. ACTION ON MINUTES: JUNE 24, 2020**

**Paul Merkins made a motion to approve the June 24, 2020 with one correction. On page (2), the first paragraph under Conditional Use Permit 20-11, it should state “This property is located in Bergen Township,” not Collins Township. David Hoernemann seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1) Conditional Use Permit 20-14, John DeMeyer, Hale Township**

This request for conditional use permit is to allow construction to exceed 2,000 square feet of accessory space on a platted parcel zoned “R-1” Rural Residential in Section 29 of Hale Township. A 32’ x 48’ pole shed (1,536 sf) and a 12’ x 36’ (432 sf) lean-to addition are proposed. The adjacent land use is agriculture (Swan Lake County Park) and residential. Hale Township recommended approval at their July 8, 2020 meeting. County Staff has no objections. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources was notified due to the County Park and walking trails. There were no concerns.

Mr. DeMeyer said the building will not interfere with the easement. There is no plan for a bathroom. It’s for personal use only.

**With no public available to make comment, David Hoernemann motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Charles Hausladen. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Pohlmeier recommended approval with the condition that the structure shall be used for personal use only. Off premise storage is not allowed and would require a separate conditional use permit to conform to the McLeod County Zoning Ordinance. Paul Merkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

*This item will be on the August 4, 2020 County Board Consent Agenda.*

2) **Rezoning Application 20-02, Steve Krueger, Collins Township**

Mr. Telecky explained the request by Mr. Steve Krueger to rezone Lot 1, Block 1 T&D Properties (*except the north 290' located in that part of the NE 1/4 SE 1/4*) of Section 12 in Collins Township from "A" Agriculture to "B-1" Highway Business. Mr. Krueger would like to re-establish this site for use as a ballroom. The current owner is Wacker Enterprises Inc. A purchase agreement is being finalized. Mr. Telecky noted the property shows as two parcels. Legally, it has never been split. As far as the septic system, it's currently operated by holding tanks. At the Conditional Use Permit process, the septic system would be addressed.

Per Mr. Krueger, he'll be requesting to split the two (2) acres of woods from the building site. The woods would be nice to leave as is in order to keep a buffer between the Lake Marion Campground and the ballroom. Handicap and overflow parking were discussed. The overflow parking will be in the lower area.

**With no public available to make comment, Charles Hausladen made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Pohlmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mr. Krueger mentioned he conferred with Mid MN Septic Services approximately one month ago and will be contacting them after the finalization of the rezoning request to ensure is approved.

**Charles Hausladen recommended approval of Rezoning Application 20-02 as presented. Commissioner Pohlmeier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

*This item will be placed on the August 4, 2020 County Board Regular Agenda.*

**D. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- Mr. Telecky briefly discussed Interim Use permits. A packet will be provided to each Board member to review and note items suitable under the Interim Use provision.
- Solar updates in the Zoning Ordinance would be nice to have in place by January 1. A brief discussion ensued.
- The next Planning Commission meeting is August 26, 2020.

**RECESS**

**David Hoernemann made a motioned to recess until August 22, 2020. Charles Hausladen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

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*Larry Phillips, Chairman*

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*Sandra Posusta, Secretary*