

Avon Township Planning Commission Meeting – October 26, 2022

Minutes

1. **Call to order** – Chair Lori Yurczyk called to order the meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission at 7:00 PM in the Avon Township Hall, 16881 Queens Road, Avon, MN 56310
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – was recited.
3. **Roll Call:** Present – Lori Yurczyk, Craig Blonigen, Andrew Wensmann, Rich Sanoski. Absent: Steve Saupe. Acting Clerk: Marion Gondringer.
4. **Approval of agenda** – Motion by Sanoski to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Wensmann. All in favor. Motion approved.
5. **Approval of minutes** – Motion by Sanoski to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting with the edit of 59 kilowatts changed to 49 kilowatts. Second by Blonigen.
6. **Public Hearings** – *none*
7. **Scheduled Business**
 - a) Road vacations of Plum Hill Lane, Nob Hill & Parkwood Court – Surveyor Dan Kron provided an opinion about the possible vacations. He gave the impression that these vacations will be difficult. Note was made that we are waiting on Jennifer Buckentine for further comments and observations. The general consensus was to proceed with vacations at this time even given the challenges that may present themselves. Motion by Blonigen to recommend to the Supervisors that the Town move forward with these road vacations. Second by Wensmann. All in favor. Motion approved.
 - b) 367th & 368th – Blonigen brought forth information that the County is telling residents that these are Township roads and they need variances and other related processes in place for things they do on their property. Blonigen stated a septic system extends into one of these roadways causing a possible road hazard.
 - c) Town Hall solar garden proposal – Funding may not be available as our usage of electricity has dropped since the in-floor shed heat was adjusted thereby cause a shift in usage toward LP instead of electricity. This reduction in use means the Town is not eligible for the same rate of rebates as initially presumed. This makes the possibility less attractive for the Town as the payback is not as favorable.
 - d) Vacation rental ordinance updates by Stearns County – New ordinance changes go into effect in January of 2023.
 - e) Noise barrier petition – A petition to build a noise barrier along the freeway at Upper Spunk will be brought to the Supervisors.
 - f) Annexation Stories – MAT is working toward getting more control by Townships in reference to the laws affecting annexation of Township lands by cities. The Town has an orderly annexation agreement in place with the City of Avon which helps give direction to both entities with annexation concerns.
8. **Policy Review** – no discussion

9. **Other Business** (*none added at meeting*)
10. **Old Business** – none other than indicated above.
11. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting:** *November 30, 2022 @ 7:00 PM*
12. **Other Upcoming Meetings/Events:**
 - a. Road Inspection – October 29, 2022; 8:00 AM
 - b. Supervisor’s meeting, November 2, 2022
 - c. General Election – November 8, 2022
13. **Motion to adjourn** by Sanoski. Second by Blonigen. All in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Gondringer
Acting Clerk

date: October 28, 2022

Approval:

Lori Yurczyk, *Planning Commission Chair – signature*

date: _____

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