

Planning Commission
Lynden Township
Stearns County
State of Minnesota
Minutes

Location: Lynden Township Hall
21367 County Road 44
Clearwater, MN 55320

Date / Time: 27th of March, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Present were: Lynden Township Supervisors Anne Ackerman, Jerry Finch & Dave Johnson, Planning Administrator James Kantor, Planning Commissioner Jeff Westrum.

Planning Commissioner Westrum called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. as a quorum of the combined Board and Commission members were present.

Planning Administrator Kantor made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. All in favor, motion passed.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Stearns and the Town of Lynden. Motion was made to recommend the amendments of the Memorandum of Understanding between Stearns County and the Town of Lynden after removing the "2. E. Kennels - private (4 - 10 animals)" and "10. The Town shall license commercial kennels annually." from Section A by Commissioner Voigt, seconded Supervisor Johnson. All in favor, motion passed.

A final review of Lynden Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance # 7 was completed. The ordinance was reviewed for consistency with Stearns County Zoning Ordinance #439. Results of the final review did not change from the most recent meeting:

- Chickens or any animals other than domestic pets will not be allowed on any parcel less than five acres.
- Kennel inspections (other than inspections for compliance with conditional use permit requirements) will no longer be completed by the township.
- Kennel operators will still be required to erect fences and must keep animals indoors overnight.
- The requirement for a dwelling to be a minimum of 20 feet long and 20 feet wide will remain.
- Signage up to 250 square feet will now be allowed, but free-standing signs are still limited to 64 square feet and may not be erected more than 10 feet high.
- Digital signage scrolling restrictions will remain in place.
- Administrative Enforcement Ordinance #10 should be referenced in our other ordinances.

Further verification of the Stearns County Ordinance 439 numbering system was attached to the Lynden Township Land Use Ordinance 7. Motion was made to adopt Lynden Township Land Use Ordinance #7 as amended by Supervisor Finch, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. All in favor, motion passed. Ordinance changes will not be effective until a public hearing has been held and a summary of the changes has been published.

Supervisor Johnson has prepared two resolutions regarding the shared septic for Clearwater Harbor / Hidden River for funding for the Point Source Implementation Grant to be at a minimum of 80% / 20% end user and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to request that they defer their compliance of the sanitary sewer.

At 7:51 p.m., Commissioner Voigt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Township Supervisor Johnson. All in favor, motion passed.

Next meeting is April 24th, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Lynden Township Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Kantor
Planning Commissioner Administrator

Jeff Westrum
Acting Planning Commission Chair