

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 February, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Present were: Lynden Township Supervisors Anne Ackerman, Jerry Finch, Dave Johnson, Planning Administrator James Kantor, Planning Commissioners Jeff Westrum and Greg Halverson, and Stearns County Environmental Services representative Jennifer Buckentine.

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.

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

Commissioner Westrum added Curtis Olson to the agenda for a land split question. Supervisor Ackerman made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Curtis Olson, seconded by Supervisor Finch. All in favor, motion passed.

Curtis F. Olson presented a proposed administrative land split that would correct property identification (PID) numbers of two noncontiguous parcels that are currently identified via one PID. Once corrected, one parcel will be owned by Curtis and the other by his brother Clinton. This will be handled at the monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 6th, 2017.

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 discussion are as follows:

- 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.

The Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed at the March meeting for possible changes. When that review is completed, work will continue on Subdivision Ordinance #8.

At 8:01 p.m., Township Supervisor Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Township Supervisor Finch. All in favor, motion passed.

Next meeting is March 27th, 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