

Planning Commission
Lynden Township
Stearns County
State of Minnesota
Minutes

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

Date / Time: 21st of August 2023 at 6:00p.m.

Present were: Planning Administrator James Kantor, Planning Commission Chair Jeff Westrum, Planning Commissioners Gary Stang, Todd Voigt and Monte Helget.

Planning Commission Chair Westrum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. as a quorum of the Planning Commission members were present.

Planning Commission Chair Westrum made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stang. All in favor, motion passed.

The Planning Commission discussed the rezoning application for Ron Bartosiewski. A site visit was conducted earlier at 5:30pm. A motion was made by Planning Commission Chair Westrum to Recommend Approval of the Ron Bartosiewski Rezoning Application, second by Stang. All in favor, motion passed.

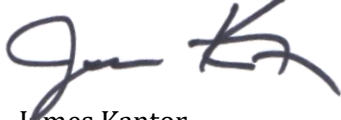
The Planning Commission discussed the Variance Application from Fred Koehler for P.I.D. 19.10200.0000. A site visit was conducted earlier at 5pm. While the variance requested was 48 feet (15 feet from the centerline of the road), the Planning Commission thought that 20 feet from the closest point of the building (a 43-foot variance) to the centerline was adequate. Planning Commission Chair Westrum made motion was made to grant the Variance Application for Fred Koehler, P.I.D. 19.10768.0000 for 20 feet from the closest point of the building to the centerline of the road as traveled, seconded by Planning Commissioner Stang. All in favor, motion passed.

The Planning Commission discussed the changes to township emails. New email addresses will be sent out.

The Planning Commission discussed the moratorium request submitted by Barry Hample. Discussions around different ways to manage accessory structures, country / city living, and home owners' associations ensued. The Planning Commission felt that the property owners of Woods Edge Addition have an alternative avenue to manage accessory structures in their addition with a home owners' association and that the township would not be interested in pursuing taking any action in further governing accessory structures. Planning Commissioner Stang made a motion to recommend that the Lynden Township Board of Supervisors take no action on the Accessory Structure Moratorium request, seconded by Chair Westrum. All in favor, motion passed.

At 6:47 p.m., Commissioner Stang made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Planning Commission Chair Westrum. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Kantor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kantor".

James Kantor
Planning Administrator

Jeff Westrum
Planning Commission Chair