

**BROWN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

The Brown County Planning & Zoning Commission held their regularly scheduled public meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse. Commission members present: John Rolloff, Brian Braun, Anita Mohr, and Commissioner Dean Simonsen. Also present: Laine Sletta, Zoning Administrator; Robert Santaella, Assistant Zoning Administrator; and Chuck Hansen, County Attorney. Members of the public present include Justin Steffl.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Braun at 9:00 am.

A motion was made by Mohr and seconded by Rolloff to approve the minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**The First item of business was a Final Plat Application APP-P-0043**

Application filed by Curt Helget on property owned Curt & Donna Helget Known as Wenisch Third Subdivision ( Lot 1 3.73 Acres, Lot 2 2.50 Acres) on property described as Lot 2 and Lot 3 of Wenisch Second Subdivision, Township 109N, Range 30W, Cottonwood Township, Brown County, Minnesota. All located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District. Parcels being platted are to reorganize lots.

**Discussion:** Sletta provided background on the revisions. Mohr asked if there were any changes to the plat, Sletta confirmed there were none. Braun noted the changes are well suited change and is a clean reorganization.

**Motion:** was made by Mohr and seconded by Rolloff to **recommend approval** to the County Board.

The motion passed on a 4-0 unanimous vote.

**The final item of business was a Conditional Use Permit Application APP-C-0074**

Application by Justin Steffl on the property described as a 29.76 acre parcel located in the East ½ of the NW ¼ , Section 15, Twp. 109N, Range 33W, Leavenworth Township, Brown County, MN to allow the use of existing residential structure as a short-term rental property, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

**Discussion:** Sletta provided background on the application. Mohr asked if it was a weekend type rental, Steffl confirmed that it was mostly just weekends but has had stays up to a week. Braun stated that he and Commissioner Veerkamp got a tour of the facility and that it was very nice. Braun asked if Planning and Zoning has received any feedback, Sletta confirmed no feedback had been received. Braun stated that Mr. Steffl had a system for vetting potential renters, Steffl confirmed they are able to read reviews from others hosts they had rented from and are able to decide whether or not to allow them to rent. Mohr asked about number of those allowed when renting, Steffl confirmed its usually in the 4-6 people range, there is not room for more than that. Mohr asked if they lived onsite, Steffl confirmed they live right next door to the rental property. Braun stated everything was clearly marked as far as safety items for guests. Braun asked about other uses for the structure, Steffl stated that the walk-out basement shop is for personal Ag-Use. Braun asked if Steffl has received any concern from neighbors, Steffl stated he had not heard anything from neighbors.

**Motion:** was made by Mohr and seconded by Rolloff to **recommend approval** to the County Board.

The motion passed on a 4-0 unanimous vote.

A Finding of Fact Sheet was completed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mohr and seconded by Simonsen to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Santaella, Assistant Zoning Administrator