

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
November 10th, 2020

The Brown County Planning & Zoning Commission held a regularly scheduled public meeting at Brown County License Bureau on November 10th 2020 at 9:00 am . Planning Commission members present: Brian Braun, Joe Stadheim, Dennis Potter, John Rolloff and Commissioner Tony Berg. Also present: Laine Sletta, Zoning Administrator; Robert Santaella. Assistant Zoning Administrator; Sam Hansen Administrator; and Charles Hanson, Attorney. Members of the public included: Heather Holles and John Stoval.

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

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Potter to approve the minutes of the October 13th 2020 with the correction made to the vote count of the last item.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The first item of business was a Conditional Use Permit Application APP-C-0114

Application filed by Heather Holles on property owned by David M Holles LIV Trust ETAL on property described as the SE ¼ of Section 20 excluding a 17.15 Acre tract and excluding Lot 1, Block 1, Holles 1st Subdivision, Section 20, Township 109 N, Range 35W, North Star Township, Brown County, MN. Application is to allow a dog kennel with up to a maximum of 9 dogs all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Sletta stated no comment had been received on the application. Braun asked who owned the turkey barns, Holles stated her family had built the barns but sold them to a larger company. Holles stated her daughter lives at the building site to the South of the proposed dog business. Braun asked about the dogs on the site, Holles stated there will just be adult dogs on the site, the dogs will have bark collars, there is an inground electric fence so the dogs have plenty of access to the outside. Holles stated she has spoken to the neighbors about the application. Braun asked if they are hunting dogs, Holles stated they are Australian shepherd Dogs, so herding dogs by breed. Potter stated he is from this area, that barking dogs wouldn't be an issue since it is separated by so much distance from neighbors.

Finding of fact was completed.

A motion was made by Potter and seconded by Berg to recommend approval to the County Board

The motion passed unanimously 5-0

The second item of business was a Preliminary Plat Application APP-P-0073

Application filed by Daniel Lang on the property owned by Daniel Lang & Brenda Cornelius ETAL know as Lang's 2nd Subdivision (6.00 Acres) on the property described as Lot 1, Block 1 Lang's 1st Subdivision and part of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 35, Township 109 North, Range 34 West, all in Burnstown Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to add additional 1 acre on the East side of existing Lang's 1st Subdivision, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Braun asked if we received any feedback, Sletta stated no. Braun stated it is a nice rectangular shape, asked if they were going to build a home on the additional acreage added, Sletta stated we don't know.

A motion was made by Stadheim and seconded by Potter to recommend approval to the County Board

The motion passed unanimously 5-0

The final item of business was a Preliminary Plat Application APP-P-0074

Application filed by Randy Thordson on property owned by Randy and Margaret Thordson known as Omsrud Thordson Subdivision (6.8 Acres) on the property described as Lot A of the Government Lot 3, Section 28, Township 108 N, Range 31 W, Lake Hanska, Brown County, MN. Application will be for a multi-lot subdivision known as Omsrud Thordson Subdivision (Lot 1 3.5 acres, Lot 2 6.8 Acres) and will subdivide one existing lot into two new lots, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Braun asked about section to the South West, Santaella confirmed it is to allow access to property. John Stoval neighbor to the east asked about the access to the property, he was provided a map of the proposed lot and had no objections.

A motion was made by Rolloff and seconded by Berg to recommend approval to the County Board

The motion passed unanimously 5-0

The Planning Commission discussed looking at the proposed ordinance revisions once all the members were available to meet in person.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Santaella, Assistant Zoning Administrator