

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
February 10, 2021

The Brown County Planning & Zoning Commission held a regularly scheduled public meeting at Brown County Law Enforcement Center Training Room on January 12th 2021 at 9:00 am . Planning Commission members present: Brian Braun, Joe Stadheim, Dennis Potter and Commissioner Tony Berg. Also present: Laine Sletta, Zoning Administrator; Robert Santaella. Assistant Zoning Administrator; Amanda Lang, County Feedlot Officer; Sam Hansen Administrator; and Charles Hanson, County Attorney. Members of the public included: Scott Vogel, Matt Mathiowetz, Adam Hoffman, and Cole Trebesch.

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

A motion was made by Rolloff and seconded by Stadheim to approve the minutes of the January 12th 2021.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The first item of business was a Conditional Use Permit APP-C-0121

Application filed by Jeff Carlson on property owned by Willis H Runck described as the SE ¼ of Section 12, Township 110 North, Range 31 West, Milford Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to renew an existing conditional use permit to continue to allow gravel mining operation to include extraction, crushing and processing , all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Braun asked about feedback, Sletta stated the office hasn't received any. Stadheim stated no complaints from the city on this one. Braun asked what lake to the south, Stadheim confirmed it was a private lake that has a subdivision around it within city limits of New Ulm.

Finding of fact was completed.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Stadheim to recommend approval with conditions in the packet to the County Board.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0

The second item of business was a Conditional Use Permit Application APP-C-0122

Application filed by Loren Hoffman on property owned by West Milford Partnership described as Part of Government Lots 6, 7, & 8 Section 31, Township110 North, Range 31 West, Milford Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to renew an existing Conditional Use Permit to allow extraction & storage of sand, gravel in the existing gravel mine, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Braun asked about the restored wetland area, Sletta stated it is probably from the mining going on at the site. Braun asked if this is a busy mine, Sletta stated it depends on if there are any projects in the area. Braun asked if they operate other sites, Sletta noted the one with the gravel mine and demo landfill.

A motion was made by Rolloff and seconded by Potter to recommend approval with conditions in the packet to the County Board

The motion passed unanimously 5-0

The third item of business was a Final Plat Application APP-P-0075

Application filed by Wayne Augustin on the property owned by Bernice Augustin know as Augustin Family Farms (5.00 Acres) on the property described as the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ and E ½ of the NW 1/4; EXC S 200' & W 130' of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 30, Township 109 North, Range 32 West, all in Stark Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to split building site from tillable land, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District

Discussion: Sletta provided background. Braun stated a nice shape.

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

The motion passed unanimously 5-0

The fourth item of business was a Final Plat Application APP-P-0076

Application filed by Scott Vogel on the property owned by Marie Weinberger know as Vogel Seventh Subdivision (5.02 Acres) on the property described as the NW ¼, Section 11, Township 109 North, Range 34 West, all in Burnstown Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to split off land from tiled ground for a building site, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion back: Sletta provide background, stated no comment received. Braun stated it is a nice square shape.

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

The motion passed unanimously 5-0

The fifth item of business was a Final Plat Application APP-P-0077

Application filed By Richard Trebesch on the property owned by Lee Sellner known as Trebesch Bin Site Subdivision (5.74 Acres) on the property described as the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 3 Township 109 North, Range 33 West, all in Leavenworth Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to split off land from tiled ground for a bin site, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background. Braun asked about feedback, Sletta stated none was received. Braun state the entrance would be on Co Rd 8, no changed from preliminary review.

A motion was made by Stadheim and seconded by Berg 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-0079

Application filed by Mark Schaefer on the property owned by Mark P & Kim M Schaefer and Steven & Gloria J Schmid known as S&S 2nd Subdivision Lots 1(2.66 Acres), Lot 2 (3.12 Acres), Lot 3 (3.17 Acres), and Lot 4(2.92 Acres) on the property described as Part of the S&S Subdivision and Part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ , Section 11, Township 109 North, Range 30 West, all in Cottonwood Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to reshaping parcels for possible sale and transfer, all located in the A-1 Agricultural protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background. Braun asked about feedback, Sletta stated none was received. Sletta noted a variance was obtained for lot 1 to not make the 200' minimum width.

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

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The planning commission took time to review a proposed multi-lot subdivision submitted by Mark Schaefer.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Santaella, Assistant Zoning Administrator