

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
February 13, 2024

The Brown County Planning & Zoning Commission held a regularly scheduled public meeting at Brown County Commissioners Room on February 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM. Planning Commission members present: Joe Stadheim, Dennis Potter, Lisa Fischer, Tony Berg – County Commissioner. Also present: Charles Hanson, County Attorney; Sam Hansen, Administrator; Robert Santaella, Zoning Administrator; Amanda Lang, Assistant Zoning Administrator. Members of the public included: Steven Braun, Colleen Braun, Ken Riebel, and Heather Holles.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stadheim at 9:00 AM.

The minutes from January 9, 2024, were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Fischer and Seconded by Potter. Motion carried 4-0 on a unanimous vote.

The First item of business was a Conditional Use Permit Application APP-C-0001

Application filed by Heather Holles on the property owned by Alan Anderson Test Trust described as part of the S ½ of the SE ¼ , Section 22, Township 109 North, Range 34 West, Burnstown Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to allow a dog kennel with up to maximum of 14 dogs, all located in A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Santaella provided background on the application. No public comment was received prior to the meeting. The applicant, Heather Holles, was present and gave background on the operation and reason for the application.

Finding of Fact Sheet was completed.

Motion was made by Potter and Seconded by Bergt to recommend approval with the recommended conditions to the County Board. Motion was passed 4-0 on a unanimous vote.

The Second item of business was a Preliminary Plat Application APP-P0146

Application filed by Francios Uys on the property owned by Francois G Uys described as Haala's 7th Subdivision, Section 20, Township 109 North, Range 32 West, Stark Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to add land to existing build site, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection District.

Discussion: Santaella provided background on the application. Santaella confirmed that this application is for an increase to the lot size.

Motion was made by Berg and Seconded by Fischer to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion was passed 4-0 on a unanimous vote.

The Third item of business was a Preliminary Plat Application APP-P0147

Application filed by Lanette Braun on the property owned by Lanette M Braun described as part of the S ½ of the SW ¼, Section 36, Township 110 North, Range 32 West, Home Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to split building site from tillable land, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Santaella provided background on the application. Stadheim stated he understands why it is presented the way it is but does need to be squared up in the SW and SE portion. Colleen Braun explained background and reason for shape as presented. The commission and the representatives of the applicant discussed what is agreeable for moving lines to be more regularly shaped. Santaella stated that the proposed shape would be a hinderance to future development of the site.

Motion was made by Berg and Seconded by Potter to recommend conditional approval with revisions to the SW and SE areas to the County Board. Motion was passed 4-0 on a unanimous vote.

The Fourth item of business was a Preliminary Plat Application APP-P0148

Application filed by Lanette Braun on the property owned by Lanette M Braun described as part of the NE ¼, Section 2, Township 109 North, Range 32 West, 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: Santaella provided background on the application.

Motion was made by Fischer and Seconded by Potter to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion was passed 4-0 on a unanimous vote.

The Fifth item of business was a Preliminary Plat Application APP-P0149

Application filed by Kenneth Riebel on the property owned by Kenneth Riebel described as part of Lot 2 of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 34, Township 110 North, Range 33 West, Prairieville Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to add land to existing building site, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Santaella provided background on the application.

Motion was made by Berg and Seconded by Potter to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion was passed 4-0 on a unanimous vote.

The Sixth and final item was discussion on subdivision regulations and seasonal dwelling standards.

Discussion: Santaella provided background on the regulations proposed changes looked for feedback for future amendments to the Subdivision Regulations and seasonal dwelling standards within Brown County Zoning Ordinance.

There being no further business, Chairman Stadheim adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lang, Assistant Zoning Administrator