

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 27, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The Eureka Township Town Board Special Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Pete Storlie and the Pledge of Allegiance was given

Supervisors Present: Mark Ceminsky, Allen Novacek, Tim Pope, Pete Storlie, and Lu Barfknecht

Others Present: Amy Liberty (Deputy Clerk), Deb Burkhardt, Ray Hall

Zoom Attendees: Jeff Otto, Nancy Sauber, Julie Larson, Pattie Bohn, 1651....291

Purpose of the Special Town Board Meeting

Chair Pete Storlie stated the purpose of this special meeting is for a Town Board workshop to review the attorney comments and feedback on submitted text amendment for Chapter 240 and discuss IUP protocols standards. This is not a public hearing and there will be no public comment, it is only to observe the workings of the Town Board.

The Supervisors had three versions of the proposed text amendment to look through.

1. Original submitted text amendment by applicant
2. Town Board revisions, based on the findings of fact from the public hearing.
3. The Township Attorney's revisions.

The Township Attorney's document was looked at more closely and an exchange of views took place as to what was liked and disliked with the wording. Strong debate took place regarding conditional use permits and interim use permits. Chair Peter Storlie read the performance standards line by line and the Supervisors shared their comments and agreed upon what items should stay as written and what should be revised.

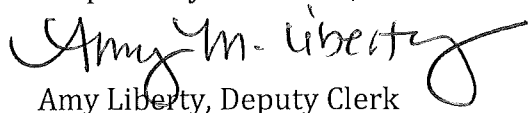
The edited document is attached at the end of the meeting minutes.

Adjournment

Motion: Supervisor Barfknecht moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Amy Liberty, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By:


Town Chair

on: 8-14-24
Date

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Ordinance No. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWN OF EUREKA REGARDING AGRITOURISM**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Eureka ordains:

Section 1. Agricultural District. Section 240-7(D) of the Code of the Town of Eureka is hereby amended by adding a new use to the list of interim uses as follows:

(3) Agritourism activities.

Section 2. Definitions. Section 240-64 of the Code of the Town of Eureka is hereby amended by adding new definitions as follows:

AGRITOURISM ACTIVITY “agricultural tourism”, “ag-tourism”, and/or “agri-tourism”

An activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows organizations or members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, charitable, or educational purposes, to view, enjoy, or participate in rural activities, including, but not limited to: farming; viticulture; winemaking; ranching; farm markets; freshly made and packaged food and beverage; and historical, cultural, recreational, farm stay, gleaning, harvest-your-own, or natural activities and attractions including but not limited to: site related and agritourism related seasonal retail; educational programs; fire pits; hay pyramids; corn mazes; games; non-mechanical and farm equipment rides; and arts and crafts. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to participate in the activity.

Section 3. Performance Standards. Section 240 of the Code of the Town of Eureka is hereby amended by adding a new Section 240-19.5 as follows:

§ 240-19.5 Performance standards for agritourism activities.

An agritourism activity use is only allowed in the Agricultural District, and then only after obtaining an interim use permit from the Township. All agritourism activities shall comply with the conditions placed on the interim use permit and the following performance standards.

- A. An agritourism activity is only allowed on property containing at least 20 acres.
- B. The agritourism activity must be accessory to a bona fide an actual agricultural use occurring on the same property.
- C. Only the specific agritourism activities identified in the interim use permit may occur on the property. The expansion or addition of any agritourism activity is not allowed unless a new or amended interim use permit is obtained.

- D. Amplified music or announcement systems are not allowed unless expressly allowed as part of the interim use permit, and then only to the extent specified.
- E. The days and hours of operation of an agritourism activity shall be set as part of the interim use permit.
- F. Adequate permanent or temporary public restroom facilities must be provided.
- G. Adequate on-site parking must be provided.
- H. No mechanical amusement rides are allowed. Farm equipment rides are allowed.
- I. All signage shall comply with the requirements of this Code. All allowed temporary signage shall be removed within one hour of the end of the activity for the day, or such other time as specified in the interim use permit, of all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.
- J. The agritourism activity shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

Section 4. Incorporation of Amendments. The Town Attorney and Town Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to incorporate the amendments made by this ordinance, and any previous amendments that have not been incorporated, into the Code of the Town of Eureka, including updating the table of contents and making non-substantive corrections as may be needed. Such updated document shall constitute the Town's official Code of the Town of Eureka.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon the first day of publication after adoption.

Adopted on the ___ day of _____ 2024.

BY THE TOWN BOARD

Pete Storlie, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Liz Atwater, Clerk-Treasurer

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