

**EUREKA TOWNSHIP**  
*Dakota County, State of Minnesota*

**SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 11, 2024-7:00pm**

**Call to Order**

The Special Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair Melanie Storlie and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners Present: Melanie Storlie (Chair), Donovan Palmquist (Commissioner),  
Brian Storlie (Commissioner), Dan Heyda (Commissioner)

Others Present: Amy Liberty (Deputy Clerk), Nancy Sauber

Zoom Participants: Ralph Fredlund, Jim Sauber, Julie Larson, Georgie Molitor

**Purpose of the Special Meeting**

Chair Melanie Storlie stated the purpose of the meeting was to serve as a working session deciding on the community event, Night to Unite, and to discuss agritourism, commercial and home extended business. She thanked those in attendance at the Town Hall and on Zoom and reminded the public that this is a time to observe the Planning Commission, not for public comment unless called upon by the Chair.

**Night to Unite**

The Planning Commissioners felt with the absence of Commissioner Eilers, a key planner in last year's successful community event, and the overlap with the Dakota County Fair, Night to Unite should be cancelled. All felt uncomfortable with the short planning timeline and believe discussion and planning for a community wide gathering should start at the yearly round table meeting.

*Motion:* Chair Melanie Storlie moved to cancel Night to Unite this year due to the short window for planning. Commissioner Heyda seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

**Agritourism**

The Town Board passed an agritourism ordinance amendment on July 9, 2024, therefore no further action by the Planning Commission was needed.

**Commercial**

The Planning Commission used this time to discuss possible zoning changes and development potential, with the aid of previous documents that were presented to the Township in an open house that was held on July 9, 2019. Included in the documents was a labeled map, with proposed areas designated as Industrial/Heavy Commercial, General Commercial, Neighborhood Commercial and High-Density Housing.

**Home Extended Business**

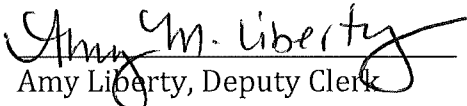
The Commissioners discussed the complexities of properly defining and regulating home-based businesses and looked at surrounding township’s ordinances that included home occupations and home extended businesses for direction.

Throughout the work session, the Commissioners emphasized the importance of open communication with the community regarding future development plans. A survey was suggested to gather feedback along with conducting open house discussions, particularly with those living near the northern and western borders.

**Adjournment**

*Motion:* Chair Melanie Storlie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Commissioner Palmquist seconded. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Amy Liberty, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved by:  on: 9/3/24  
Planning Commission Chair Date