

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2024-7:00pm

Call to Order

The Special Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Melanie Storlie and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Others Present: Amy Liberty (Deputy Clerk), Linda Ripley, Vern Lang

Zoom Participants: Jeff Otto, Julie Larson, Deb Burkhardt, Randy Wood, Nancy Sauber,
Georgie Molitor

Purpose of the Special Meeting

Chair Melanie Storlie stated the purpose of the meeting was to serve as a working session to define possible zoning districts, 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.

Work Session

The Planning Commission started the session by glancing at the zoning districts Lent Township implemented. The thought was to look at different townships' zoning names to help define our own. Debate began whether it is advisable to even pursue commercial zoning first or to start with home extended businesses. Commissioners spoke of the potential benefits and drawbacks and determined the focus tonight was to look at proposed zoning changes on the borders rather than the central neighborhood areas. A current map was requested to show the areas that were annexed. The Deputy Clerk will create a new map for the next meeting. Commissioner Heyda and Chair Melanie Storlie looked in detail at Eureka Township's borders and neighboring cities to help determine what zoning changes would make sense. During this time, it was asked what zoning districts they are using and how they are defined. It was confirmed that the definitions used were provided by the TKDA back in 2019.

Debate continued with the concerns of public perception of implementing new zoning. Commissioner Palmquist suggested to look at studies from 2016 and the past public comments. Balancing concerns, allowing growth and protecting the Township are the goals. The Planning Commission will continue discussion and finalize zoning definitions at the next regular Planning Commission meeting.

Public Input Survey

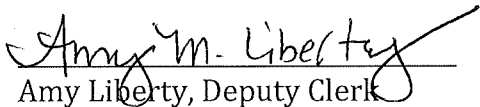
Chair Melanie Storlie stated the purpose of the survey is to gather resident input on the vision for the future growth of Eureka Township. The Commissioners will discuss and finalize survey questions at the next regular meeting.

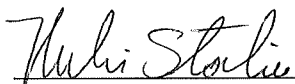
The Commissioners deliberated the best way to send the survey. A mailing would need to be approved by the Town Board. It was undecided if a mailing would be necessary or if an email and website posting would be sufficient.

Adjournment

Motion: Chair Melanie Storlie moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Commissioner Palmquist seconded. *Motion carried 3-0.*

Respectfully submitted,


Amy Liberty, Deputy Clerk

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