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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
October 2, 2019, at 7:00 PM
Carlton County Transportation Building

(1) Chairperson Ezell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Jack Ezell, Sam Huhta, Erik Abrahamson and Dennis Lundin

Members Absent: Byron Kuster, Jim Gottschald and District 1 (Vacant)

Ex Officio Members Present: Commissioner Mark Thell and Heather Cunningham

Ex Officio Member Absent: None

(2) Motion by Huhta, seconded Abrahamson, and supported by all yeas votes to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019, meeting.

(3) The public hearing was called to order at 7:01 PM.

(4) Chairperson Ezell read a statement that the legal ad was sent to the legal newspaper, the Star Gazette, on September 12, 2019, and published September 19, 2019.

(5) Chairperson Ezell read a statement regarding Finality of Decisions. A statement regarding Finality of Decisions were placed on the projector screen.

(6) Permit Requests:

(A) Rezoning #519003: Scott Tietz

Scott Tietz of 2360 Larson Road, Carlton, MN 55718 has requested to amend the Official Zoning Map of Carlton County by changing the property described as the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼, Section 19, Township 48 North, Range 17 West in Twin Lakes Township. The request includes rezoning this parcel from A-1 Agriculture/Forest Management District to A-2 Agriculture/Rural Residential District. The property address is 2360 Larson Road (PIN 81-030-3620).

Scott Tietz was present to represent the request. Chairperson Ezell read the description of the request from the legal ad and asked Tietz to further expound on the request. Tietz indicated he is requesting the rezoning so he can subdivide the property. The property was gifted to him by his parents. Due to a divorce he needs to sell the house but would like to retain as much land as allowed. Cunningham described the subdivision process.

Cunningham played the video. Cunningham and Tietz narrated the video.

Chairman Ezell asked if there were any questions from the Planning Commission. There were none.

Chairman Ezell summarized the development review submitted by Zoning Administrator Cunningham dated September 26, 2019.

Chairperson Ezell asked if there were any comments in support or neutral of the request from the audience.

Leonard Wallace of 2405 Larson Road, Carlton, MN 55718 didn't understand what the applicant was requesting. Cunningham and Tietz explained the process and the reason for the request.

Hope Parks of 1883 County Road 5, Carlton, MN 55718 wanted to know if this process would affect her property. She wanted to know why she received notification. Cunningham indicated no, just the applicant's property would be rezoned. Cunningham indicated that the ordinance requires notification within one half a mile of a rezoning request.

Ann and Gregory Anderson of 2049 County Road 61, Carlton, MN 55718 wanted to know how the property would be subdivided. Cunningham placed a map on the projector screen.

Chairperson Ezell asked if there were any comments opposed to the request from the audience. Wallace wanted further explanation of the request as he did not understand what was going on. Cunningham explained each zoning district and the requirements.

Chairperson Ezell asked if there were any other comments from the audience. There were none.

(7) As there were no additional questions for the applicant, Chairman Ezell closed the public hearing at 7:19 PM. The Planning Commission deliberated the rezoning application as part of the Planning Commission meeting.

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Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Lundin and supported by all yea votes to recommend approval of Rezoning Application #519003 to the County Board.

(8) Old Business: None

(9) Other Business: None

(10) Motion by Huhta, seconded by Abrahamson and supported by yea votes to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Cunningham
Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator