

**MINUTES**  
**Blue Earth County Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The in-person/virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Anderson. Planning Commission members participating in the meeting included Kurt Anderson, Bill Anderson, Commissioner Bruender, Dan Roberts, Michael Riley and Taryn Surdy. Staff members Mark Manderfeld, Scott Salsbury and George Leary also participated.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bill Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4th, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Surdy seconded the motion which carried unanimously by voice vote.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Leary indicated there were no changes to the agenda.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**PC 29-21**

**Kyle and Erin Meyer** – Request for review and approval of an after-the-fact Interim Use Permit for cutting and filling in a shoreland impact zone and a bluff impact zone. The property is zoned Rural Residence and is in the Shoreland Overlay District of Winneshiek Creek. The property includes Lot 7 of Winneshiek Creek Subdivision and the site address is 20 Rose Lane, Mankato MN 56001.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicants were present. Mr. Meyer commented on the tree replacement recommendation from the DNR. Mr. Meyer asked that the replacement number be reduced from the DNR recommendation of 15 to 10. He added that some of the previous trees were dead.

Mr. Leary suggested that the Planning Commission consider a compromise on tree replacement and reduce the number to 12. He added that staff could review the site in 2022 to verify the trees survived.

There was no other public comment.

Chairman Anderson asked the Commission members for any questions or comments.

Mr. Bill Anderson stated the request was reasonable and that it would be good to have it completed this fall.

Mr. Riley agreed with Mr. Anderson's comments.

Ms. Surdy stated she had no questions or comments.

Mr. Roberts indicated he had no issue with the request.

Commissioner Bruender agreed with the compromise on the tree replacement number of 12 and thought it was a good idea for staff to monitor the situation.

There was no further comment.

Commissioner Bruender made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board with the change in the number of replacement trees from 15 to 12 and with the findings and conditions proposed by staff.

Ms. Surdy seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Update/Review of County Board action items from the previous Planning Commission meeting:
- Lodes ravine head repair – (Approved)
  - Landfill/Compost facility ordinance amendment – (Approved)
  - Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Process ordinance amendment – (Approved)
  - Olson Preliminary Plat – (Approved)

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Riley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously following a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Planning Commission Chair

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Planning Commission Secretary

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