

**Planning Commission Meeting Sunrise Township
Royal Wilcox Community Center, Sunrise
Tuesday, April 7, 2009**

The Sunrise Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greg Strom at 8:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Greg Strom Clerk: Wendy Kowalke
Charlotte Wilcox ex-officio: Stephen Merten
Charles (Chuck) Sinn
Wade Olson
Delano Olson

Others Present:

Scott Clifford
Paul Schultz - Tiller

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Motion by Chuck Sinn, second by Wade Olson to adopt the April 2009 meeting agenda with the addition of Tiller Corporation after the Scott Clifford Variance. Motion carried.

New Officer Oath: New Oath was taken by Charlotte Wilcox and Wade Olson.

Appoint Chair: Motion by Chuck Sinn, second by Charlotte Wilcox for Greg Strom to stay as Chair. Charlotte Wilcox moved for a White ballot for Greg Strom to be Chair. Motion carried.

Appoint Vice Chair: Motion by Delano Olson, second by Wade for Charlotte Wilcox to remain Vice Chair. No other nominations were heard. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes approval of October 2008 (last planning commission meeting held): Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Chuck Sinn to accept the October 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clifford, Scott – Keep New building in Driveway Variance: Mr. Clifford stated he has application to construct a 40' by 80' building with 14 ft. walls. Chisago County states that 135 feet is required. The house is approximately 110 feet from the center line. Mr. Clifford states that he intends to use the building as a garage also. Planning Commission Member Chuck Sinn informed Mr. Clifford, as defined in the Statute for Hardship, he does not have a hardship. Town Board Member Stephen Merten suggested that he build on the same foundation as the previous building which is considerably closer to the center line than 55 feet. Mr. Clifford indicated that if he rebuilds where he is requesting the building would be 55 feet from centerline. Planning Commission member stated that it is possible that the County may own part of the land under the existing foundation. Wade Olson motioned to accept the variance at 55 feet, second by Delano Olson and due to the location of the existing structures which are non-conforming and the current location of utilities, concrete, aged tree we recommend approval of the building at the 55 foot from center-line to be forwarded to the Town Board. Motion carried.

Tiller Corporation – Paul Schultz – CUP Amend existing Mineral Extraction Permit to allow for washing of the extracted material:

Paul Schultz of Tiller Corporation explained that the gravel washing is portable and they are removing the fines the silts from the material. The material comes into the wash plant to be augured to remove the fines. Sediment ponds are constructed and the majority of the water will be reused to wash material again. After a few years they will be using it for reclamation. The noise level is not as loud as a crusher. End product can be washed rock / washed sand – it is removing the fine silts. Minimal extra traffic is created from this. The well size is approximately 8 to 12 inches. Maximum is rated for up to 1200 gpm. Initially they will be using 200 gpm at this location. They will need a water appropriations permit. They are not mining more materials; it is just being processed differently. Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Chuck Sinn to approve the conditional use permit. Motion carried.

Kost Dam – Rock Arch Rapids: Motion by Wade Olson, second by Delano Olson to deny the Rock Arch Rapid proposal by DNR. Motion carried.

Adoption of Chisago County Ordinances: Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Delano Olson to recommend to the Town Board to adopt the Chisago County Zoning Ordinances, Chisago County Subdivision Ordinance; Chisago County Sewage and Wastewater Treatment Ordinance; and Chisago County Shoreland Management Ordinance as Sunrise Township’s governing authority

Motion by Chuck Sinn, second by Delano Olson to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

Chairman, Greg Strom