

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, June 15, 2017
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair
Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair
Gerald Bjork
Eric Leivian
Deborah Galeske-Kelleher

Treasurer: Karen Anderson (absent)
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Maintenance
Christy Sauro – Country Mutual Insurance
Steve Seviola – Hay Days Liquor License
Christina M. Mlejnek, PE Bolton & Menk, Inc.
David Engmark
Susan Engmark
Gary Engmark

Joe Charles
Bob Boyce
Charles Koled
BJ Thorstenston

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Deborah Galeske-Kelleher, to accept the June 2017 agenda with addition of road tour update under old agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the May 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Thank you letter received by Family Pathways for donation. 2016 Population and Household estimates from the MN State Demographer are April 1, 2016 population estimate is 2,016 and April 1, 2016 household estimate is 711. Comprehensive Study received from Chisago County.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Anderson was absent. Eric Leivian went over treasurer’s report. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 5126 through 5159 with no additional claims. Motion carried.

Commissioner Update: Commissioner Rick Greene not present

Houle Preliminary Plat to split off farmhouse buildings from larger parcel that is farm – Bob Boyce: Motion by Eric Leivian second by Deborah Galeske-Kelleher to accept the preliminary plat with no issues as recommended by the Sunrise Township Planning Commission. Motion Carried.

JC Homes, Inc. Preliminary Plat of 3 lots to be known as “Kost Dam Ridge” 32 acres – Joe Charles: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the preliminary plat with no issues as recommended by the Sunrise Township Planning Commission. Motion Carried

Country Mutual Insurance – Christy Sauro: Annual review of insurance. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Noordergraaf to approve 2018 Insurance with adding sweeper to insurance. Motion carried.

Hay Days – Steve Seviola – Liquor License: Motion by Eric, second by Gerald to accept the issuance of a temporary onsale liquor license to Sno-Barons Snowmobile Club – Hay Days Event for the following dates of September 8, 9 and 10, 2017 with one abstain by Deborah Galeske-Kelleher. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Member Resignation – Tony Kubat: Tony Kubat resigned from the Sunrise Planning Commission due to moving out of state. Ted Krause is interested in being on the Sunrise Planning Commission. He has lived here since 1998, has a log home business and wants to start getting more involved in the Township. Mr. Krause lives next door to Tony Kubat. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Deborah Galeske-Kelleher to appoint Ted Krause to Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Community Night Out: Sunrise Community Night Out will be held August 1st. Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson will talk with fire departments about purchasing one boys bike and helmet and one girls bike and helmet.

Citizens Forum: David, Susan and Gary Engmark is here to disagree with the sale of the land. RE land sale of property to palmer. Contour line is not definable. They buyer is going to buy without title insurance. The Engmark’s would have liked to be able to put in a bid to purchase the property. The property is land locked. The Engmark’s are disappointed they were not contacted they know of. Purchase agreement has been signed and earnest money received. The Engmark’s want the right of first refusal. Bob Palmer sent a surveyor out.

BJ Thorstenston would like the stop sign at Lowden and Olson be straighten. Lynn Wolleat will straighten the sign.

Charles Koled: Charles Koled entered into a purchase agreement with Vince Charles to purchase property. Wants Minnesota Ave vacated. DNR has to sign off on any road that you vacate that goes to public water. There is no way to survey the lots. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Deborah Galeske-Kelleher to recommend approval of land split of parcel 09.00709.00 as long as the deed of conveyance states that the land being split becomes a part of the adjoining parcel 09.00710.00 and not a separate parcel. Approximately 50 feet to the west and 34 feet to the north will become part of the adjoining parcel. Motion carried

Gerald Bjork Easement Issue: Informed Laurie Larson Sunrise does not have involvement with the easement issue.

River Road / Mill Street: Received 3 proposals back for soil borings. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to approve Braun Intertec to complete soil borings at \$3,069. Motion carried.

Johnson Gravel Pit Lease Addendum: Gerald Bjork and Eric Leivian will have a simple addendum signed and notarized. Place on July agenda.

Road Tour Date Update: June 7, 2017 at 6 p.m. Christina M. Mlejnek P.E noted some future work that was mentioned or may be considered somewhere down the line:

- Paving the east end of 470th Street at CR 57. I recall that this was considered a number of years back.
- The slopes in the wetland area on the easterly end of 450th Street could use some reinforcement.
- Pave River Rd near the gravel pit (property owner cost?)
- Roads in the solar field area: repairs still needed?

Regarding guardrail – I spoke with one of our Senior Transportation staff, and he indicated that there are no hard, fast rules with regards to guardrail placement. He indicated that a risk assessment is typically completed and used to determine whether it’s worth the cost. He also mentioned that they can be a hazard and do require maintenance.

Sign Program Update: Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson and Gerald Bjork met with Chisago County about the road signs, 911 address signs will be installed at no cost to the township due to money from DNR and from State.

County Road 70 / Chisago County Road Contract: No update.

Ballfield Sign: Wade Olson will coordinate to have sign installed.

Facebook Page Update: The account has been set up and Sunrise Township has a facebook page Sunrisetownshipmn facebook. Need a picture.

Maintenance Update: Cannot get chloride they are 3 weeks out. Lynn Wolleat contacted both companies and said whoever gets chloride first can have the job. Half done with the ditches. Contact Paul Kurvers for Christina’s information and ask them to gravel their portion of Ferry Road which hasn’t been graveled for approximately 10 years. Gerald Bjork talked with Joe Triplett would like to have counters put up on Olson Road..

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork, to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair