

**Planning Commission Meeting Sunrise Township  
Royal Wilcox Community Center, Sunrise  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

The Sunrise Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greg Strom at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Planning Commission Members Present:**

Greg Strom  
Charlotte Wilcox  
Ted Krause  
Brian Geisebauer  
Tom Chaklos (absent)

Clerk: Wendy Kowalke  
Ex-Officio: Eric Leivian

**Others Present:**

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson                      Eric Leivian                      Cristina Morrison

**Officer Oath:** Ted Krause and Brian Geisebauer took and signed officer Oath.

**Adopt Meeting Agenda:** Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Ted Krause to adopt the April 2019 agenda with the removal of Renesola Solar Garden and the addition of Planning Commission Elections. Motion carried.

**Appoint Chair:** Motion by Ted Krause, second by Brian Geisebauer to appoint Greg Strom to Chair. Motion carried.

**Appoint Vice Chair:** Motion by Ted Krause, second by Brian Geisebauer to appoint Charlotte Wilcox to Vice Chair. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes approval of February 2019:** Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Ted Krause to accept the December 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Tiller Corporation – Christina Morrison:** Christina Morrison, Tiller Corporation gave an overview. Tiller has been operating since 2005. IUP Application to allow mining, processing and stock piling on an additional 10.6 acres adjacent to the current pit on River Road is in process. Mineral extractions are now IUP's and not CUP's. Aggregate tax payment per ton is \$0.15 per ton which is paid to Chisago County. Chisago County then breaks down the payment. Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Brian Geisebauer that the Tiller IUP is contingent on Tiller paving the road at full cost. Motion carried.

**Zoning Process:** Per instructions received by resolution from the citizens at the Annual Meeting, the Planning Commission held discussion regarding steps that the Township might be able to take at this time in order to prevent the possibility of annexation by the City of North Branch or the City of Harris at some point in the future. Chairman Greg Strom emphasized that there is no immediate danger of this happening. Charlotte Wilcox agreed, and explained that the reason why research should be done now is because there may be actions that the Township can take at this time that could prevent annexation decades down the road. She cited MN Statute 414.033 and MN Statute Chapter 40A. Place on next agenda for annexation information.

**Citizens Letter:** Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Ted Krause that the Tiller IUP is contingent on Tiller paving the road at full cost. Motion carried.

**Elections:** Appointing Planning Commission member is legal with a straw ballot or talk with legislature to grandfather Sunrise Township in to having Planning Commission on ballot because the citizens should have a say. Place on next agenda.

Motion by Brian Geisebauer, second by Ted Krause to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

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Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

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Chair, Greg Strom