Planning Commission Meeting Sunrise Township
Sunrise Town Hall
12080 Sunrise Road, Harris, MN 55032
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

The Sunrise Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Chaklos at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Planning Commission Members Present:
Tom Chaklos, Chair
Charlotte Wilcox, Vice Chair
Ted Krause
Tyler Richter
Deah Szymanski

Clerk: Wendy Kowalke
Ex-Officio: Greg Strom

Others Present: NONE

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Motion by Ted Krause, second by Tyler Richter to adopt the February, 2026 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes approval of October, 2026: Motion by Ted Krause, second by Deah Szymanski to accept the October, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

March 10, 2026 Election Update: Clerk Kowalke informed the Sunrise Planning Commission that March 10, 2026 elections are under way. All citizens can now vote by absentee ballot by going directly to the Chisago County Auditor and vote early. Sunrise Township Election Day is Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM with the Annual Meeting directly following the election starting at 8:15 PM.

Road Vacations: Charlotte Wilcox feels that if Sunrise Township would like to vacate any road, Sunrise should take the time to look at some other roads and would like to do them at the same time to save on time and expense. Any township is barred by state law from vacating any road that would create a landlocked parcel without permission of the landowner whose parcel would be landlocked. Any road that touches water, the DNR has to be notified to be approved.

Greg Strom has an original 1882 plat book. There is a citizen that would like to have Minnesota Avenue vacated.

The Township can initiate vacating roads, which needs to be voted on by the citizens at the annual meeting. Sunrise Township will place "Vacating Abandoned Rights of Way" on the 2026 Annual Agenda. Each road proposed to be vacated needs to be listed and the citizens need to agree on which roads will be considered for the process of vacating. This does not guaranty that any specific road would be vacated.

Roads proposed to be vacated are not developed, travelled, nor maintained, and are considered abandoned rights of way

Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by Tyler Richter to notify all abutting property owners before March 10, 2026 (which is the Annual Town Meeting) of a proposal to begin the process of vacating abandoned rights of way. Motion carried.

Sunrise Township would like to propose to vacate the following abandoned rights of way:

- Vacate all of Water Street North of Wilcox.
- Vacate all of Vine St. North of Madison Avenue and combine the following township-owned parcels 09.00744.00, 09.00742.00, 09.00746.00 and 09.00749.00.
- NOTE: Vine Street both north and south of the river is already landlocked in and of itself.
- Vacate Vine St. between Maple Street and CR 9
- Vacate Minnesota Street
- Vacate Madison Avenue west of Sunrise River
- Vacate the Alley in Blocks 14 and 15 between the Sunrise River and Elm St.
- Vacate the entirety of Prairie St. and the alley way connecting Prairie St. to CR 9.
- Vacate all of Oak St. that lies south of Wilcox Road and that portion of that lies north of CR 9 and south of the old schoolhouse property.
- Vacate Minnesota Ave. in its entirety
- Vacate Pennsylvania Avenue east of Maple Street/Vine Street.
- Vacate Washington Ave. west of Original Mill St.
- Vacate original Mill South of Washington Ave.

There does not need to be a petition because the citizens can approve initiating the vacate process at the Annual Meeting.

Other Items:

Tyler Richter gave recognition to Charlotte Wilcox for the hard work.

Motion by Deah Szymanski, second by Ted Krause to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Attest: Wendy S. Kowalke, Clerk

Chair, Tom Chaklos