Planning Commission Meeting Sunrise Township
Sunrise Town Hall
12080 Sunrise Road, Harris, MN 55032
Monday, March 9, 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: Matthew Johnson Heidi Johnson

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Motion by Deah Szymanski, second by Ted Krause to adopt the March, 2026 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes approval of February, 2026: Motion by Tyler Richter, second by Deah Szymanski to accept the February, 2026 neeting minutes. Motion carried.

Matthew and Heidi Johnson requesting IUP for a Singular Accessory Structure: Heidi and Matthew Johnson would like to build an open-sided 25 x 36 pavilion/picnic shelter on the property. This shelter would be used mostly by children in her daycare and by her family. Children will use this space to do outdoor projects, STEM projects, learn about nature.

Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Deah Szymanski that it is the opinion of Sunrise Township that the Johnson's day care picnic shelter is exempt from zoning and other land use regulations based on MN Statute 245A.14, subd 1. Tyler Richter believes Chisago County is not considering the use when asking for an IUP because this is a structure without the presence of a principal structure. Motion carried with one nay – Tyler Richter.

Motion by Deah Szymanski, second by Charlotte Wilcox to accept the IUP for a Singular Accessory Structure as presented. Discussion: Tyler wanted to give an observation that the applicant may have some unexpected visitors at a pavilion that was because of being by the park entrance. Motion carried.

Road Vacation Update: Tom Chaklos mentioned that Sunrise Township cannot landlock any parcel without the permission of the property owner.

Other Items:

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

Motion by Deah Szymanski, second by Ted Krause to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Wendy S Kowalke
Attest: Wendy S. Kowalke, Clerk

Chair, Tom Chaklos