

Greenvale Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
6pm, Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Members Present: Bruce Paulson, Susan Jackson, Richard Fott, Mark Legvold, Eric Workman, and Charles Anderson (Board Liaison)

Guests Present: Linus Langer, Dave & Cindy Roehl, Victor Volkert, Robert Kluver, Brian Evenson, Gregory Langer, Mary Collins, Andy Anderson, online guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited to open the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda – There were comments offered on leading dates and distinctions with public meetings and public hearings. Devices were asked to be silenced and the agenda was reviewed for approval. Member Paulson moved to approve the agenda and there was a second by Fott. The motion passed with all in favor.

Minutes – On the draft minutes Susan Jackson observed corrections needed on pg.2 chpt.4 and they were agreed on. Paulson recommended change to text referencing recorder, and it was agreed. Paulson moved to approve the adjusted minutes of December 6, 2021. Mark Legvold gave a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Report – Chair Workman gave an account of recent Town Board Meeting and discussion of topics pending. Funding was approved for ordinance work on residential energy systems in our township. Attorney would send (complete) example ordinances to get started and then challenge would be to consider our own take on standards.

Kluver Pre-Split Inquiry – Rusty Kluver had questions and asked guidance on subdividing property, driveway access and associated building-site rights. The current record (shared) shows sites from 2016 study that has been approved by Town Board. Legvold would like an effort to highlight the findings and clear the sourcing on other nearby sites. Victor Volkert, Dave Roehl, and Gregory Langer (Board Chair) reflected on study and shared the results were a major accomplishment of 2016. Fott observed shape of lots could be revisited (north south vs east west) if desired. Driveway Access off Foliage Avenue would require consult/permission from Dakota County. Whole topic and questions were tabled for the February meeting.

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Residential Energy Systems – Considering Board’s approval on funding, there were open questions on existing use of different energy system types. Legvold noted propane is a standard heating solution in our community. Fott mentioned sometimes tanks are quite close to buildings, and would that be a concern? Brian Evenson asked if heat- pumps and environmental considerations could be included in discussions. Jackson expressed there would be benefits from consistent wording in ordinance that reflects changing solar technology. Clerk mentioned invite to amend our ordinance was the essence of Board’s motion and approval. This discussion to be continued at next meeting, February 9, with independent research to be forwarded to Chair Workman.

7:00 PM – Policies and Procedures Manual – As a work-in-progress the manual’s terms and organization were considered for further refining. Workman suggested comment cards be moved to appendix and Paulson remembered a 5-minute reference was chosen at past meetings. Fott shared GLOSSARY of terms would be of help. Appendix A-E were review, by line item, including need for specific consequences when meetings are disrupted. Jackson noted some duplications in certain places, and suggested word savings benefits clarity. Workman will touch up draft copy and share with Town Board.

The March meeting was agreed moved to Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Elections and Township Day in Minnesota is always the second Tuesday in March.

Mark Legvold moved for adjournment. Richard Fott made a second and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linus Langer / Clerk