

Florence Township Long-Range Planning Commission

Minutes – 4/09/07

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jan Bruce at 7:05. Members present were Ben Boege, Vern Genzlinger, Lowell Noreen, Rick Janka, Kristen Eide-Tollefson, Jan Bruce, and Brian Schreiber. A quorum was present. Also present were Joe Ellingson and Kevin Yotter, residents of the Township.

Minutes of the 3/12/07 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. Motion by Vern, seconded by Ben.

Joe Ellingson, 30163 Co. 2 Blvd, Red Wing, was welcomed as a new member of the Township Planning Commission. His term will be for one year.

With added members to the Commission, the length of service was adjusted so that the expiration date will be staggered over 1, 2, or 3 years. The members and the terms are as follows: Ben – 2007-2007, Joe – 2007-2007, Rick – 2005-2007, Jan – 2006-2008, Kristen – 2006-2008, Vern – 2007-2009, Lowell – 2007-2009, and Brian – 2007-2009.

Unfinished Business: To provide for a secure place to store Township documents, a file cabinet with a lock is available in the town hall. The process of duplicating documents (electronically) is being considered, but at this time it is not available.

The concern of not having a Township Board member present at the Commission meetings has again been a topic of discussion. The question needs to be asked at the April Board meeting. There also needs to be some communication from the County and the decisions being made that affect Florence Township.

The grant application with 1000 Friends of Minnesota will be sent by Friday, April 13 which is the deadline. This grant should help the Township with finalizing the land use plan and writing the documents to implement the plan.

New Business: Kevin Yotter, has expressed concerns about the proposed building site of James Kranz and the possible plans of Mr. Kranz buying the parcel east of this site to consider another building site. It was suggested that the minutes of the Planning Commission that Mr. Kranz presented his original plan be reviewed for further discussion.

The issue of all the trees that were cut in Old Frontenac was discussed and questions asked if the proper procedures were followed being the trees were township property. How could this have been avoided and it emphasizes the importance of having a good plan in place before any action is taken.

The Commission agreed to recommend to the Township Board that there be an opportunity within the next couple months for government and residents of the Township to view the progress of the MNDot design for improving safety in the now mixed zone of Frontenac Station along Hwy 61. The recommendation will be presented to the Board at the April Township monthly meeting.

It was suggested that there should be an “Adopt a Township Road” similar to what is

now being done along state and some county highways to pick up litter. Residents would be encouraged to pick up litter and the Township would provide a means of collecting and disposing of the litter. The idea will be presented to the Township Board.

With no other business items to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Rick, seconded by Vern. Motion accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Schreiber
Recording Secretary