

Fall 2015

Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:00 – 3:00

Tues & Thurs 7 – 4:30



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Board of

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Meetings 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.
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Terry Holmes, Chair
651-463-3091
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651-463-4433
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651-463-4748

Planning

Commission

Meetings 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.
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Trent Larson
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Jim Hagerty
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Park & Rec

Meetings 2nd & 4th
Mondays 7:00 p.m.
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Joy Bester, Chair
651-463-0014
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“Come little leaves,” said the wind one day.
“Come down to the meadow and we shall play.
Put on your dresses of red and gold,
For summer is past and days grow cold.”

Dancing and leaping the leaves went along,
Until winter called them to end their sweet song.
Soon, fast asleep in their earthy beds,
The snow lay a coverlet over their heads.

~~ George Cooper ~~

Congratulations to Empire Township’s Supervisor, Jamie Elvestad, on receiving the Township Outstanding Leadership Award. This award was given in recognition of the excellent community service, dedication, innovation and leadership that he has provided as a township leader.

Empire Township would like you to welcome Jill Parkins as our new Deputy Clerk. Jill has been on our Park and Rec Commission for a few years. Jill is taking Nancy Pedersen’s place as Deputy Clerk. Nancy is taking Jill’s spot on our Park and Rec Commission.

170th Street East of Highway 3 is being paved by Dakota County to make traveling to WhiteTail Woods Park easier. Empire Township added the gravel to prepare the road for pavement in 2014.

Dakota County held a Public Hearing for the turn back of a section of County Road 79 (Blaine Ave.) and 164th Street to Empire Township. Jurisdiction transfers are a way to properly maintain roadways by cities, townships and the County. At the Public Hearing, items that the County needs to take care of such as drainage issues along County Road 79 (Blaine Ave.) were addressed.

Election: School District 192 is having a School Referendum Bond and Levy election on November 3, 2015. For more information on the election, visit Empire’s website listed above under Current Events or www.farmington.k12.mn.us/referendum. The polling place for Empire Township is at the Town Hall. The election will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.... Please stop by and vote.

Solar Gardens are the in thing now with producing electricity. In 2013 the MN Legislature enacted a bill that contained several provision designed to promote the growth of solar energy. They require Minnesota’s public utilities to generate sufficient electricity from solar sources so that by the end of 2020 at least 1.5 % of the utility’s retail electricity sales in the state are produced from solar energy. By the beginning of August, 2015, Dakota County had 178 solar garden plan applications submitted for review and two are in Empire Township. Xcel Energy will decide if the area and conditions are suitable for the solar gardens.