

## **Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 1, 2019**

The Empire Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Tom Kaldunski at 8:00 p.m.

Present were: Tom Kaldunski, Trent Larson, Jared Sachs, Bob Bjerke, Charles Seipel, Jane Kansier, and liaison Ed Gerten. Commission Member Chris Williamson was absent.

Bret Berg was present to discuss his plans for an 80' X 200' pole barn on the property at 2830 170th Street West. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed setbacks and site plan. The plan was found to be in line with zoning ordinance requirements. Jane Kansier would ask the Township Engineer about the location of two proposed driveways at the site.

Dave Magnuson, Waste Regulation Supervisor for Dakota County, presented on some proposed amendments to the County's Solid Waste Ordinance. Minnesota law will require Metro counties to have 75% of their solid waste recycled by the year 2030. The proposed amendments, that would be adopted in July of 2020, would require that cities and townships in the County follow new County recycling guidelines. All businesses in the County would need to comply by 2021. The Planning Commission suggested that having weekly recycling pickup would go along way in increasing the amount of waste that is recycled by households. The possibility of collecting compostable waste was also discussed. The County has recycling and labeling information and guidelines available. Empire Township can include some of this information in its winter newsletter.

It was reported that there is a zoning ordinance violation at 17521 Clayton Ave. The property in the AG District has a sign for a vehicle repair business. The Planning Commission directed staff to prepare a letter and send it to the property owner, regarding the ordinance violation.

The Planning Commission reviewed a notice from Ames Construction regarding a proposed yard expansion at their property on 170th Street. In order to do the expansion, Ames Construction would need to complete a grading permit and then apply for an IUP amendment. Jared Sachs made a motion to support and approve a grading permit for the Ames Construction yard site. Seconded by Trent Larson. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.