

## **Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 20, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Tom Kaldunski.

Present were: Corey Schweich, Tom Kaldunski, Jim Hagerty, Trent Larson, Jared Sachs and liaison Jamie Elvestad

The Public Hearing to consider issuing an IUP to McNamara Contracting, Inc. for mineral extraction on approximately 102 acres located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 8 (Bill and Darlene Berg farm). There weren't any written comments. Kristen Pauly gave a presentation on the area and the plans. Dean went over the Interim Use Permit. Equipment to be used is: loader, excavator, screen, ultra-rollers and eventually a crusher. Very clean aggregate and at this time McNamara does not see a need for a washer. Reclamation plan has a max slope of 2 – 1. It will match closely to what is on the west side of Biscayne Avenue. Backhauling with 200,000 yards per year annually will be with clay or organic, no rubble, using clean fill per Dakota County standards. McNamara is working with FEMA, Dakota County and Vermillion River Watershed on routing of water.

At 8:33, Trent Larson made a motion to close the hearing. Jared Sachs seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Trent Larson made a motion to recommend approval of the Mineral Extraction Interim Use Permit for McNamara. Jared Sachs seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Eric Ruud discussed a parcel split for J & M Perry farm. They would like to split off 11.28 acres with the building on it and the remaining 101.3 acres will remain a field. Trent Larson made a motion to recommend approval of the creation of the 11.28 acre parcel subject to a conservation easement or other mechanism for the 101.3 acre parcel. Parcel 12-0360025030 shown to have 2 parcels for record but is actually one parcel. Jared Sachs seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Paul Whiteman and Alex Gese with Maple Design Build, and Tim Peterson with PTS Land Services Inc. was in to discuss developing the property North of the golf course. They would have to work with the golf course to run the sewer pipe through the middle of the golf course and obtaining a large easement. The Planning Commission went over several possible properties for development.

Peter Schmitt, with US Solar, a Minneapolis based company, discussed a couple small solar gardens on the north side of Empire. The Planning Commission will discuss further.

The Planning Commission looked over plans for the MN Cambodian Buddhist Society bathroom that they want to add and decided it was a good idea.