

**MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD**

APRIL 1, 2019

Chairman Ron Mehr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Shawn Reinke, Bill Fuchs, and Randy Christman. Carly Brockner was absent. Also present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator and Brad Mehlhop, Building Official. Also present was Dave Voss.

Motion was made by Fuchs to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Planning Board meeting. Seconded by Christman and unanimously carried.

CONCEPT PLAN – VOSS EXCAVATING ADDITION

The City has received a Concept Plan Application for the Voss Excavating Addition from David Voss. David Voss was in attendance to present the proposed plat. The property within the proposed plat is owned by three different entities; however, the ownership of the railroad spur is under investigation and the attorney for Mr. Voss and the City's Attorney, Bill Spooner are working through the details on this ownership. Mr. Voss is bringing this forward now in the preliminary stages to speed up the process a bit once ownership is determined. The City will need ownership of the railroad spur confirmed before the City will accept a Final Plat and go thru that stage in the platting process (Mr. Voss is aware of this).

Voss explained that the railroad spur was installed by Pay Del Co and was then removed by Pay Del Co. The railroad spur land was never deeded to anyone. Peter Ampe Jr. still owns the railroad spur land. Stearns County has had no taxes collected on this property. Voss has an attorney working on the spur land ownership.

Motion was made by Christman to approve the Voss Excavating Addition Concept Plan and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Fuchs and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Christman to set the Preliminary Plat public hearing for Voss Excavating Addition for Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:05 p.m. Seconded by Fuchs and unanimously carried.

Voss would like to square up the three lots so Voss can build a shop. Voss has been working on this for 6 months and has about \$8,000.00 into this; not including the hours of research that has been done by the City, Pay Del Co, and the Ampes'. The railroad spur was there for 20 years and never used. Pay Del Co sold the tracks for the money. This same issue exists on the north side of Minnie St. (a 20' section/strip of land).

Fuchs commented that the Council has committed to never having a railroad spur there.

INFORMATIONAL

Brad Mehlhop, Building Official reported that he is putting pressure on the ten 2017 open building permits to get closed. There is another new home going up in Heatherwood as well as a townhouse in Lake Land Villas.

The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., if necessary.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.