

CASCADE TOWNSHIP

OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2009

Members present were: Chairman Lenny Laures, Supervisor Arlen Heathman, Supervisor Harold Atkinson and Clerk\Treasurer Joe Vroman.

Call to order at 6:00 pm at The Calvary Evangelical Free Church Meeting Room. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest present: Bryce & Brenda DeCook, Adam DeCook, Cedric Schutz, Deputy Val Coe, Tim Janikowski, Mike Fritz, Mark Kuhlmann, Gary Pedersen, Roger Ihrke, Brandon Theobald, Gene Enos, Lynn Vitale.

Sheriff Deputy's Report:

Deputy Val Coe updated the Board on her patrol activities and 37 calls for service for the past month. There was a trailer fire in Zumbro Ridge Estates.

Township Board Continuing Business.

- A motion by Laures to dispense reading the minutes from the September 8th meeting, and approve them as presented, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- Supervisor Heathman made a motion to pay the October Joint Powers bill of \$13,075.67, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.
- A motion to pay the remaining Cascade bills was made by Atkinson, seconded by Heathman, all voted in favor to pay the total bills of \$20,483.57, motion approved
- Treasurer Vroman gave the financial report at the meeting. The checkbook balance at the end of the September 8th, 2009 meeting was \$382,131.40. Added to that total were the deposits in September, checking interest of \$96.54 and payment from Rochester Public Utilities for culverts on 19th Street NW for \$1,056.20 for an end of the September checking balance of \$383,284.14. Checks written at this meeting totaled \$20,483.57 for an ending checking balance on October 5, 2009 of \$362,800.57. Motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Atkinson, seconded by Laures, motion passed.

Township Board New Business

At 6:55PM, Supervisor Heathman made a motion to switch the sequence of the agenda items to be #11, #10 then #12. This was seconded by Chairman Laures, motion passed.

At 7:00PM, Tim Janikowski of 636 75th Street NW came before the Board for a variance to add a building addition that would be 650 feet over the allowed limit of 1,500 square feet to his property. Motion by Heathman to open the public hearing, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed. Discussion followed and several questions were addressed from both sides. Chairman Laures asked if anyone present wanted to speak in favor. Mr. Janikowski then spoke. He provided sketches for CMS to review.

The Board questioned the height of the retaining walls and to have them inspected by GGG to see if a permit is needed.

Chairman Lares asked if anyone present wanted to speak against the variance. No one spoke. Motion by Heathman to close the public hearing, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed. Board discussion followed. Heathman said that there was nothing stated in the application about what hardship would be eliminated by the variance. Lares wanted to limit the size of the building to allow it to be built in an R-1 neighborhood. No hardship demonstrated. Atkinson stated that it looked like enough room between house and existing garage for this building.

Motion by Heathman to approve the variance if requestor complies with CMS inspection for walls and permits, compliance for secondary drain field if one is not identified. An amendment to Heathman motion by Atkinson to keep the size below 2000 sq ft in total. Motion died for lack of a second on the motion and amendment.

New motion by Lares to deny the application for reasons stated above, Atkinson seconded the motion. Atkinson and Lares voted in favor of the motion to deny the variance request, Heathman voted against the motion.

At 7:45PM, A public hearing for a request of a variance for a grading permits prior to approval of a preliminary plat of the DeCook Development. Roger Ihrke from TCPA gave the staff report in which the Township engineer and planning staff all recommended variance denial.

Motion by Heathman to open the public hearing, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Chairman Lares asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor. Cedric Schutz spoke and said the drainage issues will all be on the final plat. Chairman Lares asked if anyone wanted to speak against the variance. No one spoke.

Motion by Heathman to close the public hearing, seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Board discussion followed. Motion by Atkinson to deny the request for variance, seconded by Heathman, Lares abstained. Motion passed.

Gene Enos of 6317 Oak Valley Lane NW came before the Board for a variance discussion of putting up an out building in excess of the allowed square footage in an R-1 zoned area. After some discussion, all were satisfied with the questions and answers given.

The Board then discussed the preliminary plat from the DeCook development and all the changes made to it since it was reviewed by the Cascade Township Planning Commission. A motion by Heathman to send the current level plat back to the Cascade Township Planning Commission for their review and general comments at their next meeting on October 20, 2009. This was seconded by Atkinson, Lares abstained, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Motion by Atkinson, Seconded by Heathman, motion passed.

Submitted: Joseph Vroman, Clerk