

SPRINGFIELD PLAN COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jeff Endres called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call shows Chair Jeff Endres, and Commissioners Ashley Ballweg, Jan Barman, Linda Swann, Richard Weiland, Ron Wolfe, and Matt Wright present.

Among those also present were Ryan and Chloe Faga, Bruce Hollar, Dan and MaryEllen Karls, Mike Robinson, Jasmine Mefford, Jacob Mefford, Todd Mefford, Mary Jo Mefford, and June Miller.

2. CONFIRMATION OF POSTINGS FOR OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The Clerk confirmed that the agenda was posted at town hall and on the Town website.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Ryan Faga presented a proposal to the Plan Commission for building a new farmhouse on their Highway P farm, where they plan to raise sheep. The Fagas plan to use an existing pole building to winter their sheep, and would like to repurpose the existing barn for a “retreat and gathering barn, including a liquor license.” The applicants are willing to demolish the old farmhouse, but would like to work with the Town to conserve the old farmhouse to use for supplemental venue purposes, likely for lodging of the barn venue’s renters at the minimum.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Barman, seconded by Commissioner Wolfe to approve minutes of June 10th. Motion carried, 7-0.

5. DISCUSSION: CSM & REZONE FOR NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) LOT; MILLERS, 6236 US HWY. 12

The potential applicants would like to use a split from a 35-acre parcel next to the Girl Scout’s property to create a new 1.5-acre residential lot on the farm for one of their children. For lot siting purposes, commissioners preferred the option that was closest to the existing farmhouse and liked that it utilized the existing driveway, but noted the driveway length and requirements for longer driveways may be cumbersome, and a driveway easement would be needed. A site visit was contemplated before the commission requested a topo map of the area, and noted that they may want to include parameters for building envelope elevations as it will be visible from Highway 12.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a) DESIGN REVIEW LOT 8, SPRINGFIELD CORNERS, PARCEL #0808-092-0688-0. GENERAL WAREHOUSING, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WITH OUTDOOR STORAGE OF TRAILERS, VEHICLES, AND EQUIPMENT IN FENCED/SCREENED YARD.

Motion by Commissioner Swann, seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the Design Review with inclusion of 3’ high berming along the road frontage, conditioned on MSA’s review and approval without additional questions of the updated materials; additional questions from MSA will require the project be back on the Plan Commission’s agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A public hearing will be held on August 27th for reviewing the 2021 intergovernmental agreement with Waunakee for renewal/readoption.

Chairperson Endres has contacted American Farmland Trust to learn about partnering to purchase development rights to conserve farmland in the Town and thinks the Town should consider more elaborate preservation program, perhaps using Town funds to purchase border corridor development rights.

8. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Weiland, seconded by Commissioner Wolfe to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.