

Florence Township Planning Commission

Minutes

September 11th, 2023

Monthly meeting: 6:00 PM

Call to Order 6PM

Present: Bill Bruce, Heidi Hartzell, Joel Cannon, Sven Fleischaker, Ed Hurska, Justin Staker (arrived 6:10)

Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of August Minutes and Special Meeting

- Approved unanimously

Open comment period (no comments)

Decklever Building

- Samantha from Goodhue County suggested them coming to Florence Township Zoning
- Current property is a 3 season and want to build a 2 bedroom raised rambler for year round use.
- It was determined the property is not in the historic zone and therefore an 8' side setback is ok.

STR Ordinance Discussion

- State License to operate
 - Motion to draft and amend language
 - Motion approved
1. Draft letter to send to all known STR owners to notify of Minnesota State Permit requirement - Approved
 2. Motion to draft language amending ordinance to add state permit prerequisite. - Approved
 3. Motion to draft language to remove Septic language in ordinance as it is a prerequisite for the State License. - Approved
 4. Draft amended fee - \$200 subject to further discussion - Amend Fee for STR owners. Possibly do not renew Granicus. Research costs involved. - Approved
 5. Draft to amend to have one meeting to approve all STR applications. - Approved
 6. Deadline for all applications December 31st - need 60 days and a public hearing in February no later than March. - Motion to draft new language approved
 7. Motion to draft language to make insurance requirement more general, simply require proof of insurance with STR coverage- Approved
 8. Motion to Draft outline enforcement protocol and draft a complaint form for Florence Township website - Approved
 - 8 1/2. Draft language to align grounds for denying renewal of STR, same as the grounds for revoking permit if violations. - Approved

9. Draft for discussion language to phase out to 2025 for the 1000ft exemptions for Kaplin and Schreck STRto start @ 2 years. - Approved.

Meeting Adjourned