

02-19-2019

## Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. The clerk read the minutes from the last meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve as read. The motion passed. The treasurer's report is as follows a beginning checking and money market balance of \$735,286.18 , receipts of \$11,172.93 , disbursements of \$20,884.99 for a total checking and money market balance of \$725,574.12 . We still have the one CD for \$89,357.49 for a total cash and investments of \$814,931.61 . There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning permits-Green Street vacation was tabled until March planning commission. We do not need another public hearing.

Planning Commission- Our Recommendation is to accept and approve both IUP requests for the Ropers. One to establish a wedding barn event center and one to establish a commercial outdoor recreational facility.

We would like the Florence Township Board of Supervisors to accept and approve these permits with these conditions.

adopt the staff report into the record;

adopt the Goodhue County Staff Report into record;

adopt the findings of fact;

accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the IUP request for an Interim Use Permit (IUP) to establish a Wedding Barn Event Center with the following conditions:

- 1.Activities shall be conducted according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative provided in this IUP application and the Goodhue County CUP application and approved CUP.

2. Hours of operation shall be Friday and Saturday, May through October from 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM (midnight);
3. Maximum occupancy shall be limited to 400 persons per event;
4. On-street event parking shall be prohibited;
5. Use of the property by event guests for over-night stays shall require issuance of a separate IUP;
6. Security personnel shall be present at all events in which alcohol is served;
7. All exterior signage located on the property must follow Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance Article 11 section (Sign Regulations). The applicant shall consult the appropriate road authority prior to placing signs located within road right-of-way;
8. Applicant shall obtain Building Permit approvals for use of existing structures from the Florence Township and Goodhue County prior to hosting future events;
9. Applicants shall work with Goodhue County Environmental Health to develop and implement a plan to provide adequate sanitary facilities for guest use;
10. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations;
11. Compliance with Florence Township Zoning Ordinances and Goodhue County Zoning Ordinances.
12. The Interim Use Permit shall expire upon any change in legal authority and/or occupation and/or ownership and/or subdivision and/or rezoning of the parcel (32.021.0800). Planning Commission Recommendation - Request for an Interim Use Permit (IUP) for a Wedding Barn Event Center.

We would like the Florence Township Board of Supervisors to accept and approve the IUP for a Commercial Outdoor Recreational Facility.

adopt the staff report into the record;

adopt the Goodhue County Staff Report into record;

adopt the findings of fact;

accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the IUP request for an Interim Use Permit (IUP) for a Commercial Outdoor Recreation Facility with the following conditions:

1. Activities shall be conducted according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative unless modified by a condition of this IUP;
2. Events shall be limited to seven (7) per year with a maximum of 200 persons/100 off-road vehicles per event and one event once every three years with a maximum of 400 persons/ 200 off-road vehicles;
3. Florence Township shall be notified of the annual event schedule a minimum of 30 days before the start of the first event of the year, any changes to the schedule of events will be provided as soon as possible;
4. Events cannot last more than consecutive 4 days;
5. Events may occur weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Mondays), May through October from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM;
6. No riding event shall be held at the same time as a wedding event;
7. No event shall be held during or within a time period 24 hours after a significant rain event;
8. On-street event parking, loading, and off-loading shall be prohibited;
9. Accessory use of the property for over-night camping is only allowed during trail riding events for the participants, and shall be in accordance with all local and state regulations;
10. Applicants shall work with Goodhue County SWCD to develop and maintain a trail maintenance, erosion control, and prevention prior to hosting future events;

- 11.Applicants shall maintain existing vegetative buffers along property boundaries;
- 12.All off-road vehicles used during events shall have functioning noise reducing mufflers, shall not be motorcycles, and shall not operate in excess of 10mph.
- 13.A trail map shall be posted on site and provided to all event participants;
- 14.Applicants shall work with Goodhue County Environmental Health to develop and implement a plan to provide adequate sanitary facilities for guest use;
- 15.Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, and licensing;
- 16.Compliance with Florence Township Zoning Ordinances and Goodhue County Zoning Ordinances;
- 17.The Interim Use Permit shall expire upon any change in legal authority and/or occupation and/or No expansion of the off-road trails is allowed ownership and/or subdivision and/or rezoning of the parcel (32.021.0800).
- 18.No expansion of the off-road trails is allowed.

There was a motion made and second to accept and approve the Wedding Barn Event center IUP for the Ropers. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to accept and approve the IUP for the Commercial Outdoor Recreational Facility with the amendment of 10:00 A.M. Start time and no expansion of trails. The motion passed.

There was a motion made and second to accept the whereas for both IUP's to the record. The motion passed. Kate brought a contract for MSA contracting hourly wage.

HPC-No meeting in February we are still proceeding with 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our March meeting will be Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Parks Commission – We didn't have a meeting due to the weather. Priscilla Flynn wants to do another grant. A motion was made and second to allow Priscilla to go forward with a grant process for phase two. The motion passed.

Roads – We had a few complaints about snow removal.

New business- The property evaluation came in from the insurance company. The Town Hall is valued at \$217,000.00 the Community Center at \$229,000. There is a resolution to increase our insurance to fully cover the properties for replacement value. A motion made and second to approve resolution 2019-02-19 to increase insurance cost to replacement value. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to have Pat Savage rebuild fire extinguishers for the town hall and community center. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to donate \$500.00 Goodhue County Historical Association. The motion passed. Jody McIlrath is resigning from the planning commission. There was a motion made and second to pay Jody \$50.00 a month to continue to maintain the website. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to accept Jody's resignation. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to accept the contract from Kate Eynck for MSA consulting. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk