

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**July 20, 2020**

The Haven Town Planning Commission Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, July 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Chairman Mike Pesch (per Tele-Conference Call) Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann, Supervisor Mark Knowles, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski, Supervisor Randy Linn, Clerk Mike Zniewski, Legal Counsel David Meyers and Deputy Clerk Tammy Schefers.

Social Distancing – The Board reminded everyone of the requirement that there should be at least 6 feet of separation between each person in the room. This was observed throughout the meeting.

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve the Haven Township Planning Commission Agenda. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Westre Holdings, LLC is requesting to rezone 40.96 Acres that they own on 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE, St. Cloud, MN. Parcel # 25-005-2300. It is currently zoned A-Agricultural and they would like it to be changed to C-Commercial. Kelly Westre spoke to the board and said that they are planning to build a second seasonal storage building next to the existing building that they already have. The building would be the same dimension 72'x 352' with 16' side walls. There will be three overhead doors on both ends of the building. The current plan is to use it as storage only, but would like to switch the zoning to commercial as they could at some point move some repair and rigging to that location which at that point would require the zoning to be changed. The buildings would be spaced about 60' apart. There will be gravel in front of the building as well as the floor inside the building.

At 6:40 p.m. the Haven Township Planning Commission Board opened up the meeting for Public Comment.

Frosa Berger made the comment that she lives and owns property across from the current existing building. She is not in favor of this area being rezoned to Commercial. She wants to see it stay as Agricultural. She feels that it will harm her property if she ever decides to sell. She wants to keep the Agricultural Environment around her.

John Wanke owns about 40 Acres of property on 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE. He wants to be a good neighbor but also wants his area to stay Agricultural. When he bought his property he bought it as an investment for Agricultural Land for his family. The Sherburne Forest is around it as well. He is asking the board to reconsider and not zone that area for commercial or at least limit them with the request for that area. He feels it will ruin his agricultural area if this gets zoned commercial.

Patrick Ruegemer purchased his home out on this road for the Agricultural surroundings. He likes his wildlife of sand cranes and turkeys. He feels that if this request to be zoned commercial gets approved, where it will stop? He bought his property to live in an Agricultural area that feels like the country. He is not in favor of the rezoning request.

Paul Brown lives on this road. He would like the opportunity to appeal this request on the account of the Environmental Impact. They have well water and want to keep the Agricultural environment. There are natural wetlands in this area that should stay in the Agricultural zone. He is not in favor of this rezoning request.

After hearing no more Public Comments the comments were closed at 6:54 p.m.

The Board members talked about how the parcel was laid out. There is a storage unit already on the property and another proposed storage unit to be built. There are already Commercial Businesses down this road that leads to the St. Cloud Regional Airport. This area is planned for future St. Cloud Annexation. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski questioned and talked about the current Interim Use Permit (IUP) on this property.

After further discussion on this, Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve, accept and pass the recommendation for Westre Holding, LLC (40+ acres located on 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE) to rezone from A-Agricultural to C-Commercial with properly extinguishing the current IUP (Interim Use Permit) that is currently applied to the property. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. The motion carried. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski opposed the motion.

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion to adjourn. The Haven Township Planning Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk/Treasurer