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# BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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30239 128<sup>th</sup> Street, Princeton MN 55371

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

July 15, 2015

### **Call to Order:**

1. On this 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Baldwin Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Bryan Lawrence at 7:03 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. All members were present. Planner Bridget Chard and Liaison Randy Atwood were also present. The sign in sheet is attached. Added to agenda is discussion on Solar, Shoreland and update on Outbuildings. *A motion was made by Commissioner Perry to approve the agenda as amended to include discussion on the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance on Solar Energy Systems, Shoreland Residential Amendments and an update on the status of the Sherburne County Outbuildings Amendment which was seconded by Commissioner Thorson; all in favor; motion carried..*

### **Secretary's Report:**

**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 18.February.15 Revised:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Perry to approve the February 18, 2015 revised regular meeting minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Marshall; all in favor; motion carried.*

**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 20.May.15:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Perry to approve the May 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Patten; all in favor; motion carried.*

**Handout Signed Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from 15.April.15:** The signed Planning Commission meeting minutes from April 15, 2015 were distributed in order to be added to the commission books.

### **Communications:**

1. **Results from County Regarding Outbuildings:** It is believed that the County has not addressed the issue due to some language changes. Planner Chard will find out the status of the amendment.

#### **Mission Statement**

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## Old Business

1. **Comp Plan Goals and Objectives:** Commissioners Lawrence and Marshall will identify their area from the Comprehensive Plan. The due date is October 31, 2015 for completion of the Planning Commissioners Reports.
2. **Sherburne County Review:**
  - **Solar:** Planner Chard gave an overview of the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance on Solar Energy Systems. Discussion next month after County has reviewed.
  - **Shoreland Residential:** After reviewing the Sherburne County Amendments on whether to allow ~~Home Businesses on Residential Lots~~ *smaller lot sizes in Shoreland District* Baldwin Township does not agree to a “one size fits all” amendment.

## Community Meetings:

- **Lakeshore:** Commissioner Patten gave an overview of the Lakeshore meeting that was held July 8. Reports are to be given for both the Lakeshore and Business meetings identifying the concerns of the meetings as well as offer evaluation and solutions. Reports should follow the work plan process as discussed.
- **Work in Process:** The Commissioners are to study the sample variance on property located on Cantlin Lake which is provided in the packet, and to have comments prepared for the next meeting.

## New Business:

**Workshop May 21:** The Commissioners who attended the workshop meeting on Solar Gardens reported it was a good and informative meeting.

**Groundwater Meeting:** GTS is offering a workshop on August 19 in Stearns County on Understanding Groundwater; *An Invisible Yet Critical Resource*. The Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

**County Planning Commission Meeting:** The Sherburne County Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sherburne County Courthouse.

## Commissioners Corner:

- It was reminded to let the clerk know if a commissioner cannot attend a planning commission meeting.

**Nest Meeting Date:** The Commissioners are to check their schedules to see if the Planning Commission meeting date could be changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month or if there might be another date that could work.

## Next Month:

- County Planning Commission Meeting

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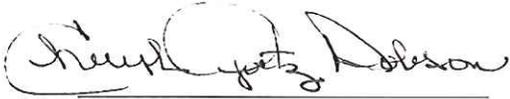
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- Comprehensive Plan Work / Goals and Objectives

**Adjourn:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall; seconded by Commissioner Perry to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. with the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on August 19, 2015. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*



Respectfully submitted:  
Cheryl Goetz Dobson  
Deputy Clerk



Bryan Lawrence, Chairman

9/30/15

Date

**Amendments:**

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