

**Princeton Township**  
**Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**  
**Planning Commission Meeting** **Monday, December 6, 2021**  
**Minutes**

**Public Hearing**

At 6:15 p.m., Chair David Persing called the public hearing to order.

**Commission members present:** Cyndi Macdonald, Steve Pflieger, David Persing, Cheryl Schimming, Kathy Stoeckel, Township Supervisor Dan Hiller

**Commission member absent:** Carol Whitcomb

**Staff present:** Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Gerrard, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards

**Public in-person attendees:** Russell Harnois, Yekaterina Harnois, Nancy Moan

**Online attendees:** None

**Harnois Variance/CUP Request**

Russell and Yekaterina Harnois have requested a side-yard setback variance and conditional-use permit to construct a 20x24-foot pole-building garage on a non-conforming lot at 2409 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue (County Road 1). The plan requires a setback distance of 10 feet from the south property line.

The property is zoned River Conservation—RC2 requiring a 35-foot setback from side property lines. Constructing an accessory building on a non-conforming lot requires a conditional-use permit.

The property is guided for River Conservation in the Comprehensive Plan Future-Land-Use Map. The proposed building site is not within the floodplain.

Mr. Richards concluded that the request meets the requirements for a variance and conditional-use permit. He recommended approval of the request, subject to conditions set by ordinance, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment.

Cyndi MacDonald moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Cheryl Schimming. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

At 6:30 p.m., Chair David Persing called the regular monthly meeting to order.

**Commission members present:** Cyndi Macdonald, Steve Pflieger, David Persing, Cheryl Schimming, Kathy Stoeckel, Township Supervisor Dan Hiller

**Staff present:** Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Gerrard, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards

All Participants recited the pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Agenda**

Kathy Stoeckel moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steve Pfliegaar. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Forum**

Nancy Moan requested an investigation into a neighbor's burning practices. She was advised to give the information to the clerk.

**Approve Minutes of October 4 Meeting**

Ms. Schimming moved to approve the minutes of the October 4 meeting. Seconded by Ms. MacDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

**Harnois Variance/CUP Request**

Ms. MacDonald moved to approve the request by Russell and Yekaterina Harnois for a variance and conditional-use permit to construct a 20x24-foot pole-building garage with a 10-foot side-yard setback at 2409 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Pfliegaar. Motion carried unanimously.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendments—Setback Requirements in Various Districts**

Mr. Richards reviewed comments and suggestions from the Board of Supervisors for revisions to proposed setback requirements in the Residential R-1, Residential R-2, Rural Residential (RR), Agricultural Conservation (AC), and Commercial/Industrial Districts. Commission members gave him additional feedback. He will incorporate those recommendations in a new draft ordinance for future discussion and action.

**Adjourn**

Ms. Stoeckel moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. MacDonald. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.