

Ravenna Township Dakota County. MN

1. Fred Johnson called the July 23, 2020 Joint Meeting of the Town Board and the Planning Commission to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. Town Board Supervisor Paul Curtis, Carl Reuter and Brian Riches; Planning Commission members Brent Anderson, Randy Arndtson, Allen Clement and Jeremy Rother; Clerk/Treasurer Caroline Spurgeon; and Consultant Mike Lamb were present. This meeting was held in the town hall practicing social distancing due to Covid-19.
2. Fred had everyone do introductions to welcome aboard new Planning Commission Member Brent Anderson.
3. Carl moved to approve the agenda as printed. Randy seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Paul moved to approve the joint meeting minutes of 6/25/2020 as printed. Allen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. The meeting was turned over to Mike Lamb.
6. Mike introduced Colleen O'Connor Toberman of Friends of the Mississippi River. She gave an overview of Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area and provided an FMR handout on guidelines and procedures for adopting the MRCCA ordinance. The MRCCA Model Ordinance by the DNR is minimum standards required. Optional items are highlighted in "blue". Carl asked about minimum lot size requirements as it was not noted in the model ordinance. Colleen stated the only requirement is 200' width. Carl stated he would like to see that we put the minimum at 2 acres to align with the rest of our township ordinance. We have three areas within the MRCCA affected by this new ordinance – Rural Open Space, River Neighborhood District (Blackbird Trail) and Separated from River District (parcels west of Ravenna Trail).
7. Mike noted that we will be officially notified in September 2020 to update the MRCCA ordinance. We have 12 months from that date to adopt this ordinance.
8. Mike provided an updated annotated outline.
9. Troy advised to remove Section 055 from ordinance since Section 080 will be added.
10. Reviewed suggested language for a new Section 080 – Conditional Use Permit Attachment A.1. Need to add annual inspections to be done by town board supervisors to Section 080.4.
11. Fred asked that the scaled map under 080.1 #5 not be a hand drawn map but something from like Dakota County GIS.
12. Paul asked that requesting a sign be part of the CUP process. Language will be to 080.3 to be a step in the process and 080.1 #5 to add a sketch of the proposed sign.
13. Reviewed suggested language for Section 605 – new line item #3 for conditional use permits. Item J will be removed as it pertains to parks and historic sites.
14. Discussion on CUP application as it pertains to signs. Need to add a check box that a sign is also being requested.
15. Discussion on sign permits for other permanent signs requested. These would be based on lot frontage and road type. Will require an application to be brought to the town board. Could be used for home occupations. A sign will constitute a certain amount of words.
16. Reviewed Attachment E – Noise Nuisances for a new Section 910. Brian stated that right to farm must be exempt from this ordinance. Item #6 Jake-brake only pertains to Hwy 316 so language is probably not needed.
17. Discussion on hours set for noise disturbances. Does this include indoors as well as outdoors?
18. Overall, language is too long for noise ordinance. Mike will do some editing and get the Dakota County Sheriff to review. Want to make sure it is something they can enforce.
19. Table 202 Accessory Structure Sizing was reviewed. Need to put back the additional square footage allowance for over 5 acres to 300 square feet instead of 200 square feet. Under 1 acre

- needs to remain the same at 1200 square feet and 1.5 acre lot needs to go up to 1650 square feet. These changes ensure that no one is losing any square footage currently allowed.
20. Discussion on attached garage allowance. Currently 820 square feet is allowed before it is taken off of accessory structure allowance. Proposals came in for 1080 square feet and 1100 square feet but no consensus.
 21. Next meeting is set for September 24th at 7:00 p.m. Mike will have a draft ordinance for all to review.
 22. Paul moved to adjourn the meeting. Carl seconded; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Spurgeon
Ravenna Township Clerk / Treasurer