

TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, May 15, 2012
7:30 p.m.

The Chairman, Mike Raabe, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall. Other members present were Joan Dolbier, Paul Lash, Steve Kirchner and Nan Hovan.

Mike read the minutes from the April 2012 meeting.

mmsp(Joan/Paul): Approve minutes from April 2012 meeting.

Ryan Pfaff wanted to be put on the agenda for a rezoning issue. Since he had not notified the Commission before the deadline, he was told that he would need to wait until next month's meeting.

Phil Kish addressed the Commission regarding the demolition of an existing barn and building a replacement pole shed at N7834 Skoy Coulee Rd. The current barn does not meet setback requirements, and the new shed also would not meet setback requirements since it would use the same footprint as the existing barn, so he is asking for a variance. Steve expressed concern that future road work might be hampered if this variance is allowed to pass. Phil explained that due to wetland areas and buried fiber optic cables, he was limited in potential building sites. Phil also explained that the new shed would no longer have access to the highway M as does the current barn. Due to the fact that there are no other potential bulding sites on this property because of wetlands and buried cable, and because this is for farm use (a desired usage per the Comprehensive Plan), and because there really are no other acceptable alternatives, the Commission decided to recommend approval of this variance.

mmsp(Paul/Joan): Recommend approval for setback variance for Phil Kish's proposed pole shed using the same footprint as existing barn.

Phil Kish addressed the Commission regarding the rezoning of 8.25 acres of land at N7834 Skoy Coulee Rd. from Exclusive Ag to Ag A (Rural Residential) in order to build a second home. He had met with Chad Vandenlangenberg at the County Zoning office, and Chad had told him that he would be required to deed restrict the rest of the acreage in order to comply with Comprehensive Plan, and would need to rezone that acreage to Transitional Ag. As long as he has an existing farmstead, and enough acreage (as long as it is deed restricted to allow for no more residential building sites), his proposal meets the Comprehensive Plan goals.

mmsp(Steve/Joan): Recommend to the Town Board and County Zoning that Phil Kish's rezone request be granted as long as the deed restrictions are enforced.

mmsp(Steve/Joan): Adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Raabe
Acting Secretary, Plan Commission