

**Greenvale Township Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 30, 2024**

Present: Ken Malecha (Chair); Commissioners Joyce Moore, Stu Berg, Victor Volkert, Dan Chesky II, and Jane Dilley, Town Clerk

Others Present: Charles Anderson, Scott Norkunas, Alexis Bohlen, Dave and Cindy Roehl, Gregory Langer, Joyce and Richard Moore, Marcia Simon, Charles Tennessen, Tim McNearney, Andy Anderson, Bruce Paulson, Terry Mulligan, Mary Langer, Linus Langer, Joy Royle, Tom and Bev Wirtzfeld, Bobbi Bolton, Tony Rowan, Stephanie Delzer, Randy Delzer

Guests: None

Chairman Malecha asked the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05pm.

Opening Statement: Malecha stated the Planning Commission (PC) is an appointed body that makes recommendations on planning and zoning issues to the Town Board. These recommendations are advisory only. The elected Town Board members make the final decisions on matters brought before the PC. Tonight's meeting it to review a Conditional Use Permit application from Carr's Tree Service.

The audience was reminded this is a public meeting, not a public hearing, Meetings are open to the public to observe. Audience comments are limited to the topics being discussed. Malecha reminded the audience to sign the attendance sheet and silence their electronic devices.

Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Volkert, Chesky seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes: No minutes were reviewed at this meeting.

New Business: Jim Corrow from Carr's Tree Service came to talk about their business and plan. Corrow spoke about how the business is fifty years old and is licensed under the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. He also noted their environmental policy and commitment to helping the community. The company is growing and they are looking to expand. They have a purchase agreement with the Budin Family Trust to purchase 30 acres.

Corrow spoke about an outline for the next 5 years. This plan is broken down into two phases. The first phase would be the first 2 years. During this phase they would create a 2-5 acre gravel pad and a driveway. They would use this for storing materials and equipment. They are also planning to create berm around this so it would not be as visible. They are also hoping to burn residual material. The second phase would be 3-5 years. This is when they would be building a 5,000 square foot building. This building would be used for storing materials and equipment. There also will be some office space. They are planning on creating a collection pond for runoff.

Corrow also noted that their working hours would be 7am-6pm but there will be exception for storm work. Volkert asked how it would affect traffic. Corrow said their plan is all their traffic will be going south towards 320th street. He also predicts there will be about 3 loads of wood each day. He mentioned that they will help maintain the road however they can. Volkert asked how many employees there would be. Corrow responded saying there would be 5-10 employees there and 20-30 coming and going. Volkert also asked if it would be lit up at night. Corrow said there would only be security lights. Volkert asked if there are building rights on the property. Corrow said there is 2 but they do not plan on using them. Moore asked if it would be loud every day. Corrow answered by saying that they usually wait for a big pile of wood before mulching it so it would not be every day. He also said they will be respectful by only making noise during working hours. Volkert asked if they have talked to any of the neighbors about this. Corrow said they had not gotten the chance to yet. Malecha asked what kind of license they have from Minnesota Department of Agriculture. They said they just have a standard license. Volkert asked how far away the burn pit is from any neighbors. Corrow said it is close to 600 yards away.

Malecha thanked Corrow for all the information and asked for a motion to adjourn. Moore made a motion to adjourn, Malecha seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Prepared by: Alexis Bohlen

Approved:

Ken Malecha, Chair

Jane Dilley, Town Clerk

Signatures on file