

Albany Township Planning Commission–May 8, 2012

The May 8, 2012 meeting of the Albany Planning Commission was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Gary Bloch at the Albany City Hall Council Chambers. Members present, Gary Bloch, Mike Noll, and Mary Rosen. Also present Clerk Diane Noll and Supervisor Tim Nierenhausen

1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2 APPROVE AGENDA. A motion was made by Commissioner Noll, seconded by Commissioner Bloch, to approve the agenda as printed, motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES–April 10, 2012. A motion to approve minutes as reviewed from April 10, 2012 was made by Commissioner Bloch, seconded by Commissioner Noll, motion carried.

4. Open Forum

The Commission questioned the status of the third board member. They were advised no decision has been made at this time. They are concerned about not having a quorum when needed if we have only two members. With only two people there is a possibility that one may be sick or have an emergency, and then we would not have a quorum. Commissioner Bloch moved to recommend Ryan Pratt as the third planning Commission member. Mr. Pratt has previous board experience and he is a full time farmer. If we have no other applicants, we would recommend they chose Mr. Pratt. second by Commissioner Noll, motion carried.

5. Public Hearing

A. A request for a Variance has been submitted by **Pat and Rita Buermann, 37964 Hwy 238, Albany MN** to erect an addition to the house including a three car garage, closer to the road right-of-way than current ordinance allows. According to Albany Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance # 4, Section 9 Primary District Provisions, That in the A-160, A-80, A-40, R-5 and Commercial/Recreation Districts, the setback from the center-line of Township roads and private easement roads shall be 100 feet.

No correspondence was received on this Variance Request.

Present at the meeting were Pat and Rita Buermann. They questioned why this process was taking so long. It was explained any time we do a variance, there needs to be a public hearing which needs time to post, and notify neighbors.

At the April meeting the Variance was reviewed, Buermann's were advised to change the drawing and return to the May meeting with the building being 63 feet from the center-line of the road. This would still need a variance because our ordinance states the building needs to be 100 feet from the center-line. Buermann's did not present any changes to the drawings. Mrs. Buermann stated she had spoken with Chair Nierenhausen and he said the board would approve the 47 feet without any changes.

The existing structure is 47 feet from the center-line, the road curves which makes a part of the addition 44 and 43 feet from the road. The Commission recommends the additional be no more than 47 feet from the center-line at any point. They have requested Buermann's revise the drawing with the new structure starting to curve away from the road at the corner of the existing structure. There should be no area of the new structure that is closer to the road than 47 feet.

Chair Bloch moved to continue this meeting to June 4 at 6:00 P.M. to review the revised drawings for the variance. The

