

**Becker County Planning Commission
December 12th, 2017**

Members Present: Chairman Jim Bruflodt, Vice Chairman John Lien, Harry Johnston, County Commissioner Larry Knutson, Mary Seaworth, Jim Kaiser, Jeff Moritz, Dave Blomseth, Ray Thorkildson, Planning and Zoning Director Kyle Vareberg and Zoning Technician Jeff Rusness. Absent were Mary Seaberg, James Kovala, and Robert Merritt.

Chairman Jim Bruflodt called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Planning and Zoning Technician Jeff Rusness recorded minutes. Intros were given.

Chairman Jim Bruflodt explained the protocol for the meeting and stated that the recommendations of the Planning Commission would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final action on December 19, 2017.

John Lien made a motion to approve the minutes for November 14, 2017 with corrections. Jim Kaiser second. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Other Business

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Amendment to the Becker County Ordinance: Chapter 11 Buffer Ordinance

Kyle Vareberg explained the Buffer Ordinance, as referred to in chapter 11 of the Becker County Zoning Ordinance. Vareberg explained that the Buffer Ordinance is bound by state statute.

At this time testimony was closed.

MOTION: John Lien approved the amendment to the Becker County Zoning Ordinance for the Buffer Ordinance, Jeff Moritz second. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Becker County 915 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN. **Project Location:** 12738 County Highway 5, Lake Park, MN.
LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION: Tax ID number: 06.0312.000 Section 22 Township 138 Range 043 PT GOVT LOT 1: COMM COR LOT 1 BLK 2 CORM BCH, S 1714', W 1001.8' TO POB; NW 67.1' TO LK, SW 50' AL LK, SE 88.5', NE 57' TO POB
APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a Conditional Use Permit for public use.

John Lien asked for further information.

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48 Peter Mead, Administrator from Becker County Soil and Water, was present. Mead
49 explained that Becker County purchased said parcel to develop a larger public beach area,
50 adding that the proposal has mitigation included to manage the stormwater.
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52 Jim Brufloft asked if the fishing pier was going to be removed.
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54 Mead said yes, it will be removed from the development plan.
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56 Jeff Moritz asked Mead to explain the project to the board.
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58 Mead replied Marsha Watland, County Ag Inspector, is developing the plan. The intent is
59 to increase public use of the area. Mead reassured the Board that water treatment is in the
60 plan.
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62 Larry Knutson explained the plan can be changed at any time.
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64 Jim Kaiser expressed concern about the impervious surface area, and how far the building
65 will be from the Ordinary High Water Mark.
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67 Mead replied that the setbacks allowed by the Becker County Ordinance will be followed
68 and the shelter will be built in an existing foot print on the property. Mead stated the
69 mitigation will offset the impervious surface concern.
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71 Cheryl Aune, owner of parcel 06.0297.000, located at 12853 Co Hwy 5, spoke on behalf
72 of herself. Aune expressed concerned about people using her beach for parking. She
73 recognizes it is a positive addition for the area, however she does not want jet skis and
74 pontoons parking on her beach.
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76 Jim Kaiser asked Aune how much lakeshore she owned.
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78 Aune replied she owns 480ft of lakeshore.
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80 **At this time testimony closed.** Chairman Brufloft opened the matter for disussion by the
81 Board.
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83 Jim Kaiser was concerned about the county access. Kaiser asked if the Board can do
84 anything to keep the public off of the Aune property.
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86 Larry Knutson mentioned the Sheriff's Department would enforce the trespassing issues.
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88 Jim Brufloft mentioned calling the Department of Natural Resources.
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90 Larry Knutson explained to Aune, that they will do what they can to help the situation.
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92 **MOTION: John Lien made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for**
93 **public use with stipulations of keeping people off of the neighboring property and**
94 **allowing the Cormorant Watershed to review the project and grant any necessary**
95 **permits. Dave Blomseth second. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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97 **At this time testimony closed.**

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99 **Informational Meeting:** The next informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for
100 Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 at 8:00 am in the Third Floor Meeting Room of the
101 Original Courthouse.

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103 Since there was no further business to come before the Board, John Lien motioned to
104 adjourn. Dave Blomseth second. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

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107 Jim Brufloft, Chairman

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107 John Lien, Vice Chairman

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110 Kyle Vareberg, Planning and Zoning Administrator

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