# CORINNA TOWNSHIP <br> MINUTES <br> PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 

MAY 9, 2023
Corinna Town Hall, 9801 Ireland Ave, Annandale MN 55302

Call to Order: Vice Chair Steve Niklaus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Planning Commission Members in Attendance -Vice Chair Steve Niklaus, Larry Smith, Linda Dircks, Cathy Gabriel, Dick Naaktgeboren, Planning and Zoning Administrator Ben Oleson; Deputy Clerk Jean Just.
Absent: Chair Al Guck, Barry Schultz
Others in Attendance: Ron Enter, Tom Condon, Terry \& Beth - Alisen Berggren, Matt Bronder, Brandon Scheuble, Tina Diedrick, Brian Diedrick, Rick Seagraves, Mark Snyder, Rick Kanniainen, Joni \& Greg Selle, Peter \& Charlotte Schreiner, Bernie Miller, Bryan Erickson, Brian Fieldseth, Jeremy Young

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dircks to accept the agenda with the addition of Ron Enter hearing that was tabled in March. Motion carried unanimously.
Public Hearings:
Requests related to the construction of a detached garage. Approvals required include variances to construct a $24^{\prime} \times 32^{\prime}$ single-story garage 5 feet from a side property line (min. 10 ft required), 50.8 feet from a road centerline (min. 65 feet required), 16.4 feet from a road right-of-way ( min .20 ft required) and causing impervious coverage to increase from $31.1 \%$ to $31.4 \%$ (max. $25 \%$ allowed) and building coverage from $14.3 \%$ to $15.8 \%$ (max. 15\% allowed).

Applicant/Property Owner: Ron Enter/Enter Family Cabin Trust
Property address: 11078 Knowles Ave NW, Annandale
Sect-Twp-Range: 5-121-27
Parcel number(s): 206014000090
Present: Ron Enter
Enter: We completed the survey and have worked on getting the road vacation taken care of. This would put us at $14.9 \%$ for building coverage and impervious would go from 31.1 to $27 \%$. Would be approximately 51 ft from the town road, 5 ft from the side yard. Town Board is waiting for Otto \& Associates to do the survey and legal work for the two neighbors so that all the vacations can be done at one time. There is a small window to get the building removed and new one built and the road vacation could be another 60 days.
Smith: Noted that Beacon show the other properties have a bigger issue than Enters. Niklaus: road set back, side yard and impervious @ 27\%
Oleson: Your options are to approve with the vacation of the road, deny, or extend. Enter: would like to get started and ask for approval based on the road vacation of the property.

Audience: None
Naaktgeboren: I do not have an issue with it this makes the most sense.
Smith: Who makes the road vacation decision?
Oleson: Town Board makes that decision.
Smith: Side yard lot line, not sure if we discussed if there is a way to move that a little.
Enter: There is a drain field over to the north.
Dircks: Portable shed, are you taking that out of there?
Enter: The wood shed would come out, not the other shed.
Dircks: Is the impervious coming down, could you remove a little drive way to bring it down a little to get to the $25 \%$.
Gabriel: Nothing to add.
Niklaus: What could we do to remove some more impervious?
Enter: We have taken some out of there. There are issues with the current garage and remove the cement.
Niklaus: Trying to maintain the $25 \%$ imperious.
Naaktgeboren: How many feet do we need to get down to $25 \%$ ?
Enter: If you took out the 588 sq ft deck and the water goes through that so it would be down to $25 \%$.
Oleson: 491.5 sq ft would get it down to $25 \%$.
Naaktgeboren: Mentioned removing the small shed would help.
Smith made a motion based on the findings of fact to approve the variance to construct a $24^{\prime} \times 32^{\prime}$ single-story garage 7 feet from a side property line (min. 10 ft required) and 50.8 feet from a road centerline (min. 65 feet required) with the following conditions:

1. Impervious coverage must be reduced to $25 \%$ or less. This may be accomplished by adding additional land to the property via vacation of public roadway, which is currently in process of being applied for.
2. Building coverage must be reduced to $15 \%$ or less. This may be accomplished by adding additional land to the property via vacation of public roadway, which is currently in process of being applied for.
3. Erosion and sedimentation control measures must be installed and maintained until the construction areas have been stabilized. These shall include at a minimum silt fences between any areas of disturbance (if there will be any) and the lake as well as to any neighboring properties which are downslope of the disturbed areas. Once disturbed areas are no longer being used for construction purposes, these shall be covered with mulch, erosion control blankets, hydroseed or other forms of temporary cover until vegetation is re-established.
4. The applicant shall submit a permanent stormwater management plan designed to minimize the potential for ongoing erosion or sedimentation and to allow adequate time for infiltration or other treatment of rainwater from the lot prior to it flowing into the lake. These may include directing rain gutters to appropriate areas, rain barrels, establishing or maintaining a buffer of native vegetation along the shoreline, or other acceptable best management practices. Once approved, the plan should be implemented at the time of construction or within a reasonable time period after construction is completed and maintained indefinitely.

Naaktgeboren seconded the motion.
Enter: Looking at the neighbor's house and their shed is at 5 ft could we receive some consideration in granting the 5 ft and the neighbors are ok with it.

Smith amended his motion to 5ft from the side property line. Naaktgeboren seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Requests related to the construction of a new dwelling, attached garage and open deck. Approvals required include Variances to construct a $2,624 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ dwelling/ attached garage and 479 sq ft open deck/steps approximately 65 feet from Clearwater Lake (minimum 75 feet required) and 0 feet from the top of an adjacent bluff (minimum 30 feet required) and to construct a new septic drainfield 5 feet from a road right-of-way (minimum 10 feet required).

Applicant/Property Owner: Terry and Elisabeth Berggren
Property address: 11767 89th St NW, Annandale
Sect-Twp-Range: 19-121-27
Parcel number(s): 206048000020
Present: Terry \& Elisabeth Berggren, Bernie Miller, Casey Custom Home Design, Matt Bronder
Berggren: Purchased property and once starting to remodel determined it needed to be tore down and would like to build a new home. It was two lots and then combined them. We worked
Oleson: Variances needed are Lake Setback at 65 ft to deck \& 74 ft to the house, 0 feet from the bluff, they would be right up to the side of it, septic set back and road setback for the septic. Imperious would be under the limit.
Miller: This is a little tricky, the driveway made it a little bit of a challenge in where the garage needed to be placed. We would be changing the wall that is there currently and adding some grass buffer. On the lake side we tried to get to the 75 ft and ended up at $73.9 f t$ working with the existing grade. As you notice there are multiple things to consider in that area and is not considered a bluff. The definition for the bluff is not very clear and we did make some adjustments. There was some concern in maintaining the tanks and I did address that and send some information on that.
Bronder: Worked on getting the home away from the lake as much as we could.
Berggren: This is our third home on the lake and I have been coming out to this lake for many years so just want to do what is right.
Audience: None
Gabriel: Nothing more, Feel this is an improvement.
Dircks: I am not really clear on the bluff and if this is really ok being this close to a bluff.
Oleson: It is difficult to determine if it meets the definition or not. I think it is intended to be at the top of the bluff this is on the side. It is hard to determine if the original home was cut into a bluff or not. No restriction of septic systems in the bluff.
Miller: I have worked with the county in the past and we try to stay out of the bluff, however, it is very sandy soil and we are not adding to the issue with it pushing on the bluff.
Smith: Concern with building in the bluff, It's stated here as a bluff in the staff report, however, is the DNR is saying it is not?

Miller: Pulled up information on the map showing where the bluff lines are which is showing we are right on the side of the bluff. Not sure if the old house was cut into the bluff or not.
Naaktgeboren: The existing retaining wall is going out? Can we gain anything with the bluff set back?
Miller: The bluff is to the side not where the house is going, elevation wise if we slide it back not sure if we can gain anything.
Naaktgeboren: East side retaining wall?
Miller: They wanted a little bump out in the garage and in order to get that to work we added the retaining wall to slow the water, nothing would be gained from moving it back.
Oleson: Driveway would be filled and that was part of the calculations. Not much needs to be done on the bluff side besides that little bump out.
Niklaus: What about adding decks later etc., landscaping near the lake.
Berggren: We will be doing some of that when doing the landscaping.
Miller: We have accommodated some of that in our allowances for retaining walls, patio and walk way. We are looking at reducing what is there now.
Niklaus: You're aware of all the erosion control that would need to be done.
Miller: We have looked at that and making sure we are looking drainage.
Naaktgeboren made a motion based on the findings of fact to approve Variances to construct a $2,624 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ dwelling/attached garage and 479 sq ft open deck/ steps approximately 65 feet from Pleasant Lake (minimum 75 feet required) and 0 feet from the top of an adjacent bluff (minimum 30 feet required) and $45.9^{\prime}$ from the center line of the road (minimum 65 feet required), and to construct a new septic drainfield 5 feet from a road right-of-way (minimum 10 feet required) with the following conditions:

1. Erosion and sedimentation control measures must be installed and maintained until the construction areas have been stabilized. These shall include at a minimum silt fences between any areas of disturbance (if there will be any) and the lake as well as to any neighboring properties which are downslope of the disturbed areas. Once disturbed areas are no longer being used for construction purposes, these shall be covered with mulch, erosion control blankets, hydroseed or other forms of temporary cover until vegetation is re-established.
2. The applicant shall submit a permanent stormwater management plan designed to minimize the potential for ongoing erosion or sedimentation and to allow adequate time for infiltration or other treatment of rainwater from the lot prior to it flowing into the lake. These may include directing rain gutters to appropriate areas, rain barrels, establishing or maintaining a buffer of native vegetation along the shoreline, or other acceptable best management practices. Once approved, the plan should be implemented at the time of construction or within a reasonable time period after construction is completed and maintained indefinitely.
3. The applicant shall provide a letter from a septic system maintainer indicating whether the septic tank pumping route is reasonably accessible.
4. The applicant shall provide a letter from a septic system installer indicating whether the septic tanks location is reasonably accessible when the tanks eventually need to be replaced.

Dircks seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.


#### Abstract

Requests relating to the construction of a new dwelling, attached garage and porches and a detached garage. Approvals required include Variances to construct a 3,147 sq ft dwelling/attached garage and 630 sq ft of attached porches approximately 12 feet from a side lot line (minimum 15 feet required) and 55 feet from the centerline of a township road (minimum 65 feet required) and a detached garage approximately 2.5 feet from a side lot line (minimum 10 feet required). Building coverage to be $23.9 \%$ and impervious coverage to be $41.8 \%$ (maximum $15 \%$ and $25 \%$ allowed respectively) except that landowner intends to combine an adjacent 2.5 acre lot to bring these coverages into compliance. Conditional use permit required for the excavation of approximately 320 cubic yards of earth in a steep slope to accommodate a lookout basement (maximum 50 cubic yards allowed without conditional use).

Applicant/Property Owner: Mark D. Snyder Property address: 11083 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake Sect-Twp-Range: 2-121-27 Parcel number(s): 206056001010 and 206139001010


Present: Mark Snyder \& Jeremy Young
Snyder: Parents purchased 50 years ago and added the larger back lot 40 years ago. Two years ago planted native grasses and wild flowers on the larger lot. Parent's passed away and we acquired the property. I would like to make this our forever home. I have a long history and we care about the lake. I have been on the Sugar Lake Association Board, lake preservation committee and want to show that I have a long history on the lake and care about the lake and nature. Variances are the road setback, road was vacated several years ago behind the home and the road ends at our property so no one is driving by. Next is the north side set back, this is a narrow lot so it makes it a challenge and our neighbor also got a side yard setback, that side will be for our utilities and such. Next is the building and impervious area, one drawback in having that roadway abandoned was we gained that sq footage, however, we still need to get to our garages. That $16 \times 80$ counts against us, however, we do have the 2.5 acres behind us and if we add that we will meet those requirements. We do not want another home back there and are willing to connect the two. Last is the detached garage, right now we are 3 ft from property line, would like to keep that there and make a little wider and longer to the east. There is a snow plow area and if we move it 10 ft from the property line there will not be much room for the snow piles. I have talked with the neighbor on that side and they are fine with it. The CUP is for excavating soil between the home and lake. Trying to minimize the length of run for stairways. This would also allow for egress windows in the basement to get an additional bedroom and we can see the lake shore. As far as Drainage, the first 50 ft drains to the lake which would stay about the same, the back of the home will continue to drain to our back lot. There are houses to the

North and to the South where the roads are higher and all of the water runs to the lake, ours will only be about $50 \%$. We will be trying to maintain as many trees as possible.
Niklaus: Reviewed the variances \& CUP information.
Oleson: There have been a few comments.
Audience: Tina Diedrick: First, I would like to say that we are fortunate to have the Snyder's keeping the property in the family and look forward to them building their dream home. In regard to the CUP request to excavate 320 cubic yards from the lake hillside, which is over 7 time the volume allowed, would be completely inconsistent with past practice of planning and zoning. If you view the homes along the lake, you can see that the hills remain intact on previous homes builds, including our own. Believe me, I would love a basement lookout or walkout to the lake too. It just has not been allowed by planning and zoning to maintain the structure and integrity of the hillside and minimize the impact on the lake. The request to combine the lots to offset the requested impervious surface requirements, does not mitigate the intensity of the large increase of the impervious surface requirements near the lake. This is again inconsistent with past practices, particularly due to the impact of water runoff into the lake. I question as well the ability to combine the lots due to those being on two different building plats. Also, I understand there is a request for a variance for a 2.5 foot setback for the garage. The unintended consequence of this request is that it limits the future adjacent property owner. For example, the previous owners adjacent to our property received a 5 foot setback along our property line to build their home on a 90 foot wide lot; which left us very restricted when building our home on a 50 foot lot. Ultimately, you have a beautiful lot approximately $76^{\prime} \times 150$ ' to build your dream home within the planning and zoning requirements and I wish you the best.
David McNeil: (online) I have safety concerns and sent letter regarding how to access during construction of the property, making sure they are not damaging properties. Specifically protection of well which is just 5 ft off of the road and maybe looking at the consideration of a temporary road across the Snyder back lot. If this is granted would like to see a barrier placed around his well.
Pete Schreiner: We are right next door and I want to say that the 12 ft setback is a gift as currently we are about 1 ft . We could not ask for better neighbors it is true the road is narrow, however the township does a great job and the problem is not created by the Snyder's the problem is the road is not wide enough. If you would move it would that not alleviate some of this?
Smith: If you look at it the existing drive is off the road right of way and we could look at making it 12 ft wider which would help would help a lot.
Naaktgeboren When we did the road vacation, we asked for more land and there was only a 16 ft right of way prior to that.
Smith: Move it out and make a turnaround or hammer head for the snow plow, try to get that road widened before you start that project, something we will have to consider to try and get done sooner than later. If there is some fill your going to get rid of it could possibly used by the township on this road.
Young: Just to clarify that this is not a walk out, it is a look out. If we lift the home it has more run off, so we were looking at the best possible way to get some usable space in the basement.
Snyder: We did not want to lose some of the trees on the hill.

Smith: Question is would you be open to us making a turnaround on your property? Pulled up map to show where the hammerhead type turnaround would be.
Snyder: I think if everything is approved I would go along with that.
Oleson: We did receive a letter from the DNR, concerns about the amount of excavation and the impact on the trees which would constitute intensive vegetation management. Questioned if a bluff, which I have determined it is not. Concerns on the impervious on the lake side. Oleson read the comments:
Please accept these comments into the record,
The removal of 320 cubic yards of material to create a partial walk out would require the majority of the trees to be removed this would constitute intensive vegetation management which is prohibited. Review of LiDAR contours shows that this steep slope may meet the requirements of a bluff with a height of 25 feet and an average grade of $18 \%$. Manipulation of bluffs and steep slopes can lead to instability and should be avoided to the greatest extent possible and to preserve the natural characteristic of the shoreline as viewed from the lake.
The variance to go over $40 \%$ impervious surface area does not address what the hardship is that would require this level of coverage. The application shows that the proposer owns both the lot abutting the lake and a 2.5 acre parcel that is directly connected. The 2.5 acre lot is more suited for this level of development and coverage. Lands abutting public waters should have the least amount of impervious surface area as possible to ensure proper treatment of water before discharge to the lake. With this amount of coverage not water treatment and storage could would be achieved.
Thank you,
James Bedell
MN DNR Area Hydrologist
Snyder: Indicated that they are not removing any trees on the hill. We configured things the way are so that we do not affect the trees and are above the root level. Matching the slope of the Schreiner's.
Niklaus: going to smiths question you would consider the turnaround as proposed? Snyder: Yes
Niklaus: Reviewed the variance:
Audience - If looking at building the road there would be a concern with drainage and if there would be some natural ponds to make sure that it would not slope towards the lake.
Dircks: If we combine properties we are under impervious and building coverage, however, with the road in-between does that get us to where we need to be with runoff and look of the property, we are $41 \%$ imperious and $29 \%$ building on the lake side which seems like a lot.
Naaktgeboren: Not a concern if the lake the back are put together and you could not split that off later. Drainage is going to that back hole, there is a little going to the lake, but everything else is an easy slope to the back. Where is the 320 cu ft ? Seems high to me. It look like the lookout is about the same as the neighbors.
Young: That is the cut out in front of the home, we may be a little on the high side.
Naaktgeboren: Do not feel you need to be that close with the garage, there is a lot of room on the back lot to meet the 10 ft .
Gabriel: Confirmed with neighbor which house they were and if they were ok with side yard on the house. Did we address the DNR concerns with the trees \& bluff?

Oleson: I did confirm that it is not in a Bluff.
Young: Regarding the Impervious most of that is the driveway which is on the back side not the lake side.
Gabriel: It sounds like the other concern was dealt with by not taking down the trees. Smith: Was there any calculation on what size house could be done on the front lot? Just wondering if could be downsized.
Snyder: Not really, that's where we are now just south of Tart's and that's a $50 \times 50$ and we wanted to duplicate that. That is pretty much what we did with adding a 1 car garage.
Smith: I am just looking at that you're asking for a $3,100 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ house that is a sizeable house. I have concerns with digging out on the lake side and concerned with the amount being taken out. We try to keep people at the 75 ft back from the lake. I feel we just don't like to disturb that area and we have rains that you cannot control.
Young: We will have to take some real consideration.
Smith: With the garage set back feel that you can get to the 10 ft .
Niklaus: I would agree that you need to get the water shedding the back, what percentage are you getting to go back?
Snyder: Most of the impervious is going to be on the back side and all of that drainage will be going to the back lot. Essentially from the back side of the house back.
Niklaus: I share some concern with that much disturbance to the lake side and making sure there is good erosion control.
Snyder: I do plan on getting sod down as quickly as possible.
Smith: Septic for this will be where
Snyder: It would be on the back lot.
Smith: Is this something we need to get the lots combined first
Oleson: Typically that would be a condition. To answer the question regarding them being two different plats. We do this as an administrative order that they cannot be separated and actually the septic will be on that back lot.

Naaktgeboren made a motion based on the findings of fact to approve variances to construct a 3,147 sq ft dwelling/attached garage and 630 sq ft of attached porches approximately 12 feet from a side lot line (minimum 15 feet required) and 55 feet from the centerline of a township road (minimum 65 feet required), to deny the request to to construct a detached garage approximately 2.5 feet from the side lot line, and to approve Conditional use permit for the excavation of approximately 320 cubic yards of earth in a steep slope to accommodate a lookout basement (maximum 50 cubic yards allowed without conditional use) with the following conditions:

1. The applicants' two parcels must be combined by Administrative Order (PIDs 206056001010 and 206139001010) to meet the Impervious and building coverage limits.
2. Erosion and sedimentation control measures must be installed and maintained until the construction areas have been stabilized. These shall include at a minimum silt fences between any areas of disturbance (if there will be any) and the lake as well as to any neighboring properties which are downslope of the disturbed areas. Once disturbed areas are no longer being used for construction purposes, these shall be covered with mulch, erosion control blankets, hydroseed or other forms of temporary cover until vegetation is re-established.
3. The applicant shall submit a permanent stormwater management plan designed to minimize the potential for ongoing erosion or sedimentation and to allow adequate time for infiltration or other treatment of rainwater from the lot prior to it flowing into the lake. These may include directing rain gutters to appropriate areas, rain barrels, establishing or maintaining a buffer of native vegetation along the shoreline, or other acceptable best management practices. Once approved, the plan should be implemented at the time of construction or within a reasonable time period after construction is completed and maintained indefinitely.
Dircks seconded the motion. Motion approve unanimously.

Requests relating to the construction of a lean-to addition. Approvals required include an after-the-fact Variance to construct a $10^{\prime} \times 32^{\prime}$ lean-to addition to an existing detached garage approximately 8 feet from a side lot line (minimum 10 feet required).

Applicant and Property Owner: Thomas W and Rhonda M Condon Property address: 8045 Iten Ave NW, Annandale
Sect-Twp-Range: 22-121-27
Parcel number(s): 206038001170
Present: Thomas Condon
Condon: Requesting to be 8 ft from the property line for a lean-to that I added after the fact. Did not realize I could not add that on to the shed. I did get a letter from neighbor that he was ok with it.
Oleson: One variance for the side lot line. The garage was built and he the lean-to after the fact. It is heavily wooded and we do have letter from neighbor that he is ok with it.
Audience; None
Smith: Fine with it and it is not encroaching too close.
Dircks: Fine.
Gabriel: No concerns.
Naaktgeboren: Steal stake what is that for?
Condon: It was a horse fence.
Dick: Good with it.
Niklaus: ok

Gabriel made a motion based on the findings of fact to approve variance for an after-thefact permit for construction of a $10 \mathrm{ft} \times 32 \mathrm{ft}$ lean-to addition to an existing detached garage approximately 8 feet from a side lot line (minimum 10 feet required) with the following condition:

1. The constructed lean-to may not be further enclosed or enlarged from what it already is ( $10^{\prime} \times 32^{\prime}$ ).
Smith seconded motion. Motion approve unanimously.

Requests related to the construction of a storage building. Approvals required include a Variance to construct a 2,400 square foot detached storage building (maximum 1,400 square feet allowed).

Applicant/Property Owner: Richard T. Seagraves
Property address: None (78th Street NW), Annandale
Sect-Twp-Range: 27-121-27
Parcel number(s): 206036002050
Present: Seagraves
Seagraves: I have a one acre lot that has nothing on it. I would like to build a 2400 sq foot building. The ordinance state's that I can have a total 2400 sq foot in buildings, however, not one larger than 1400. I feel that one building is better than two. Talked with several of the neighbors are ok with the idea. Only have to lose one tree rather than many if I do two buildings. I will be 12 ft off property line.
Niklaus: Ben can you explain the limit?
Oleson: I do not want to say what was planned when the county did this as I was not around. My guess is that the larger the building gets it could be out of character for the area. The ordinance does allow for up to 2400 sq ft in accessory buildings, however, only 1400 per one. We have to be restrictive as they are and that is the reason for the variance
Audience: None
Seagraves: One note in staff report about it not being in line with other properties. I did make a list of others that are the same or larger than what I am requesting.
Oleson: Just to note that the rear set back is 15 ft .
Naaktgeboren: I am not sure why the county has the rule. I do not have an issue, however, how do we change the county ordinance.
Oleson: You can either give the variance or ask the county to change the ordinance.
Gabriel: personal storage?
Seagraves: Yes
Dircks: I am ok with it.
Smith: Where will it be built on the property?
Seagraves: It will be the back northwest corner.
Dircks made a motion based on the findings of fact to approve the variance to construct a 2,400 square foot detached storage building (maximum 1,400 square feet allowed). Gabriel seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Request related to the use of a building for a lawn irrigation business. Approvals required include a Conditional use permit for the use of a building in an I-1 General Industry zoning district for a contractor's office, shop and yard involving outdoor storage.

Applicant/Property Owner: FERGSBA LLC
Property address: 9397 67th Street NW, Annandale
Sect-Twp-Range: 33-121-27
Parcel number(s): 206000332400
Present: Brian Erickson, Brian Fieldseth
Erickson: We are trying to use a building that Marty Ferguson built to run our Carefree Lawn care business.
Oleson: It is in the industrial district and anything that is done in this district needs to go through the CUP process. There is a storm water pond in the back, they may come in to split the property later tonight is just for the use.

## Audience: None

There were no concerns from the board.
Naaktgeboren made the motion based on the findings of fact to approve Conditional use permit for the use of a building in an I-1 General Industry zoning district for a contractor's office, shop and yard involving outdoor storage.
Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Ordinance Amendment to modify Sections 302 (Definitions), 501 (Zoning Administrator), 503 (Planning Commission), 505 (Conditional Use Permits), 506 (Permits and Fees), 603-606A and 608-612 (various Zoning Districts), 727 (Mining and Extraction), and 762 (Solar Energy Farms and Solar Energy Systems) of the Corinna Township Land Use Ordinance. The intent of the amendments is to increase the size of solar energy systems allowed by administrative permit from 10 to 40 kW in all zoning districts; increase the size of solar systems considered to be solar energy systems from 100 to 200 kW and solar farms to be those over 200 kW ; continue to prohibit new solar farms; to clarify that the duties of the Zoning Administrator are to interpret applicable ordinances, address amendments to the Township zoning map, to add to the list of duties relating to enforcement of the ordinance and to clarify procedures for appealing interpretations of the zoning administrator; to clarify that the planning commission makes final decisions on conditional use permits; to add language for procedures relating to the discontinuance of conditional use permits; to modify definitions for "Access Drive (Driveway)", Solar Energy Farm, Solar Energy System and Utility Interconnection, to increase the allowable time period for a mining and extraction interim use permit from one year to three years and make other amendments as being considered by Wright County; and to modify various permit application fees.

Applicant: Corinna Township
Smith made a motion to table. Dircks seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Dircks made a motion to approve Previous Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023. Naaktgeboren seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Zoning Administrator's Report: None
Permits
Correspondence
Enforcement Actions

## Other Business: None

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Naaktgeboren to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jean Just, Deputy Township Clerk

