

New Haven Township

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Town Board Public Hearing Minutes September 26, 2017

1. Call to Order: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a special meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 6:30 PM by Chair Denny Beyer. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Mary Andrist and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust and Clerk Dale Thomforde.

2. Zoning change public hearing:

Chair Beyer opened the public hearing regarding a zoning change request by Dan and Paula Jewell, 13237 New Haven Road NW, Pine Island MN 55963. The request is to change the zoning from A2 to RA, to allow a 10 acre parcel to be split into two 5 acre parcels to allow a second home to be built. Beyer asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the zoning change.

Dan Jewell, applicant, said he looks forward to having his son and grandsons move closer with all of the resulting benefits. His son would be the sixth generation, with his sons being the seventh generation to live on the property.

Nick Jewell (1618 21st Ave NE, Rochester) said he has two boys in the Pine Island Public Schools and two boys in daycare in Pine Island. He has worked for in Pine Island for 16 years and he and his wife look forward to moving to the community.

Chair Beyer asked 3 more times if anyone else would like to speak in favor of the zoning change. No one came forward.

Chair Beyer asked 3 times if anyone else would like to speak against the zoning change. No one came forward.

Chair Beyer asked if anyone else would like to speak.

Tim Tarara (13301 New Haven Road) asked how the land would be split and where the driveway would be located? Ann Fahy-Gust explained the zoning change request would allow the 10 acres to be split into two five acre parcels, since under current A2 zoning, it could not be split. The driveways will be on the existing 10 acre parcel.

Chair Beyer clarified that even if the Township approved the rezoning, the County has the final say on any rezoning. Fahy-Gust was asked to give her evaluation of the rezoning application.

Fahy-Gust submitted a written evaluation of the rezoning application, which she reviewed. She reported Olmsted County raised no objection to this rezoning and split and feels it fits within the township ordinances. She recommended approval of this rezoning to RA and subsequent split because it does not substantially change the rural integrity of the current land use.

Hervey moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Town Board review:

Andrist said she agreed with Fahy-Gust's very thorough evaluation and findings.

Hervey moved to approve the zoning change, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

4. Adjournment:

Hervey moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at about 6:45 PM.

Approved by the Board,
Date:

Attest,
Date:

Denny Beyer – Chair
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde
New Haven Township Clerk