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Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board

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Bemidji Township

City of Bemidji

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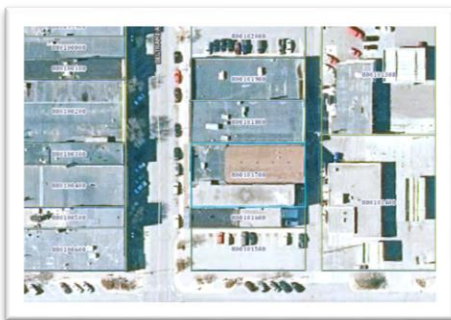
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What's going on?

Planning Cases for July/August

City of Bemidji – IUP-16-80.01017.00: Face it Together Bemidji is requesting an interim use permit to perform peer to peer recovery coaching as well as support to individuals dealing with addiction in the (UR)-Urban Renaissance district. The parcel is located off of Beltrami Ave NW in the UR District in the City of Bemidji.



City of Bemidji – IUP-16-80.01017.00: Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center Headwaters Assertive Community Treatment Team is requesting an interim use permit to perform mental health counseling in the (UR)-Urban Renaissance district. The parcel is located off of Beltrami Ave NW in the UR District in the City of Bemidji.

Planning Cases for July/August

City of Bemidji – CUP/V-16-80.00565.00, 80.04628.00, 80.04627.00, 80.04626.00: House of Prayer Alliance Church is requesting a conditional use permit for the operation of a religious institution in a (U)-University district. The applicant is also requesting a variance to reduce on-site parking requirements. The parcel is located off of Birch Lane Northeast in the U district in the City of Bemidji.

City of Bemidji – CUP-16-80.03031.00: Naylor Property Management along with Trek North are requesting an amendment to a current CUP to add grades K-5 and a new building at their current location 2400 Pine Ridge Avenue NW in the General Commercial District (B2) in the City Of Bemidji.



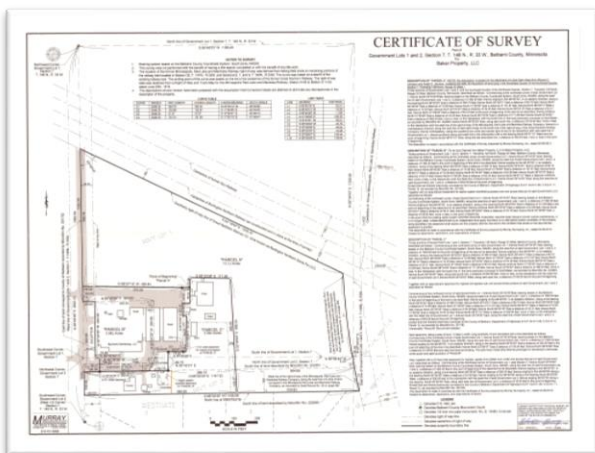
Planning Cases for May / June

Northern Township – Plat-16-31.00254.01: The applicant is requesting a Minor subdivision plat review to subdivide a 33.1 acre parcel into 8 lots. This parcel of land is located off of Sumac Road NE in a Suburban Residential District (R2) in Northern Township.



Northern Township – V-16-31.02946.00: The applicant is requesting a 15 foot setback variance to construct a detached garage 5 feet from an existing septic drainfield located at 11136 Autumn Drive NW in a Suburban Residential District (R2) in Northern Township.

Bemidji Township – Z/IUP/V-16-03.00025.00, 03.00026.00, 03.00027.00: Baker Property is requesting for a rezone to B-1 Commercial and an interim use permit (IUP) for the operation of an existing pet boarding/grooming business in a B-1 district. The applicant is also requesting a variance to create a substandard lot to separate residency from the pet boarding/grooming business. The parcels are located along Adams Ave NW in a Suburban Residential District (R2) in Bemidji Township.



Planning Report

Legal

Bemidji Township – Mr. Steffenhagen sent a letter on June 23 to Judge Austad requesting permission to file a Motion for Reconsideration of her Order on the City of Bemidji's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and for Summary Judgment.

Red Barn – No new updates - if there is an update staff will provide the JPB at the meeting .

Comprehensive Plan

A contract with Houston Engineering for the comprehensive planning services has been signed. An initial meeting with Larry Kramka occurred in reviewing past documents as well as setting up a timeline for creation of the plan. Houston Engineering will review all documents and will provide senior guidance to ensure that the contents are fair and balanced and are serving the need of all parties within the Greater Bemidji Area.

GTS Training

Staff recently attended a GTS Training on *Basics of Planning and Zoning* in Little Falls. The training covered a wide range of planning aspects and allowed staff to network with other communities and organizations. Michael C. Couri, Attorney at Law, also presented, "Know Your Legal Limits", which covered authority for land use regulations. GTS plans to offer more of these trainings regarding planning and zoning and recommends board and commission members to attend. Joint planning Board staff will continue seeking advanced trainings to better the Greater Bemidji Area.

Development Projects

- Holiday Store Redevelopment
- Whiting Road Subdivision
- Airport Hangars/Snow storage building
- Cedar Pointe Multi Family
- Center City Housing Multi Family
- University Heights
- Candlewood Hotel
- McDonalds
- Taco Bell
- Kohls
- Toyota
- South Shore – Pace Project – Apartments
- South Shore – Icon Project – Condos

Contract Planning - Administrator

A letter was sent to Mayana Rice, notifying her that the contract for planning assistance during this transition is no longer needed and we thanked her for her service the past five years.