

Lime Township

Blue Earth County

Minnesota

Planning Commission Minutes

June 29, 2026 5:00 pm

ALL MOTIONS ASSUMED TO BE UNANIMOUS UNLESS NOTED

Present: Jimmy Blount III, Amanda Dyslin, Jody Swanson Victoria Potts, Jill Hilgers, ZOOM: Christine Gregory.

Chair Amanda called the Meeting to Order at 5:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion 26.06.01 Jimmy, Second Jody to Approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion 26.06.02 Jimmy, Second Jody to Approve the Minutes as presented.

Item CYL-0007-26 Request of Brian Keenan on behalf of MNSCG 2019-57 LLC, with permission of property owner, to extend the current approved IUP for an additional 12 months to comply with the IUP Conditions set forth by the Lime Township Board. The discussion centered around the fact that they still need to comply with item 20: Agreement with the UP Railroad for crossings to access the property, located off of the rail line on 238th Street east of 3rd Avenue. The interconnection agreement with Xcel Energy is in the works. On Amanda's question of how soon they expect a decision from the railroad, the petitioner stated that they are being told by the railroad that permission could be granted as soon as this fall, but more likely in the early part of 2027. Jody wanted to clarify questions about which Solar Ordinance the IUP was granted under, and if the updated Solar Ordinance would change their IUP. Staff stated that they were approved under the original 2022 Solar Ordinance and have complied with all of the conditions set forth in previous requests. Jody also wanted to make sure the solar company would maintain all vegetation without the Township having to send inspectors and letters to be a "good neighbor" within the Township and to keep Township costs to a minimum. Jimmy wanted to state that he feels that this should be the last extension, and if no movement on the railroad agreement was made before the next deadline that they should reapply for a new IUP.

Motion 26.06.03 Jody, Second Jimmy to approve the extension of the MNSCG 2019-57 LLC Interim Use Permit for another 12 months.

Miscellaneous Items: Staff was asked if there were new permit applications expected shortly. Staff informed the Commission that there were no submissions for the June deadline and July Planning Commission meeting, but there is a good possibility the Commission will have three larger items for the August meeting. Expected permit applications would be the Rockwell RV and Adventure Park project with an amended reclamation plan for the Stoffle Quarry, and Kasota Stone Fabricators for the K5 Quarry mine to the east of 3rd Avenue, and CHS to add rail line to the existing spur line to the south of the WW Lorentz property, located in the Industry Zone.

Motion 26.06.04 Jimmy, Second Jody to Adjourn at 5:47 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Planning Commission Chair:

Jill Hilgers, Clerk

Amanda Dyslin