

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY BOARD  
CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

On Monday, March 15, 2021, the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) met in the Council Chambers at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Michael Valentine  
                          Board Member Jane Covart  
                          Board Member Melissa Fetterley  
                          Board Member Michael Hiatt  
                          Board Member Jared Little  
                          Board Member Laura Moore

Members Absent:     Board Member Reid Bernard

Also Present:        City Planner Chris Anderson  
                          City Council Liaison Chelsee Howell

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Valentine called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2.     CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**3.     APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Board Member Little and seconded by Board Member Covart to approve the agenda as submitted.

A roll call vote was performed:

Board Member Moore	aye
Board Member Fetterley	aye
Board Member Little	aye
Board Member Covart	aye
Board Member Hiatt	aye
Chairperson Valentine	aye

Motion carried.

**4.     APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:   Approve Meeting Minutes Dated February 22, 2021**

Motion by Board Member Covart and seconded by Board Member Little to approve the regular meeting minutes dated February 22, 2021.

A roll call vote was performed:

Board Member Fetterley	aye
Board Member Covart	aye
Board Member Hiatt	aye
Board Member Moore	aye
Board Member Little	aye
Chairperson Valentine	aye

Motion carried.

## **5. POLICY BOARD BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Consider Landscaping Plan for Bunker Lake Industrial Park Building 4 (Project #21-109); Case of PSD, LLC**

City Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated that the City has received a Site Plan and Plat Application for the property located at the northwest corner of Jackal Street and 147<sup>th</sup> Lane. The project is proposing an approximately 72,000 square foot building fronting Bunker Lake Boulevard, with the loading docks/bays on the south side facing 147<sup>th</sup> Lane. He stated that staff does recommend approval of the Landscape Plan contingent upon compliance with the corrections noted by staff.

Motion by Board Member Little and seconded by Board Member Hiatt to recommend approval of the proposed Landscape Plan contingent upon compliance with the corrections required.

A roll call vote was performed:

Board Member Fetterley	aye
Board Member Moore	aye
Board Member Covart	aye
Board Member Little	aye
Board Member Hiatt	aye
Chairperson Valentine	aye

Motion carried.

### **5.02: Review Natural Resources Aspects of Sketch Plan for Williams Woods (Project #20-138); Case of Bill Boyum**

City Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated that the City has received a Sketch Plan application for a proposed nine lot subdivision on approximately 94 acres. The project involves six individual parcels, all affiliated with 7363 175<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. While this project is only at the Sketch Plan step, which does not include detailed plans, staff wanted to route this through the Board for any initial comments or feedback.

Chairperson Valentine commented that this is a large site and asked if further subdivision would be expected in the future.

City Planner Anderson replied that he does not necessarily envision further division. He stated that this project would require a variance for the cul-de-sac as proposed. He stated that there are significant wetland complexes near the large estate lots that would make further division and an additional road connection difficult.

Chairperson Valentine commented that if there were a sense that further subdivision is anticipated, decisions could be made in this planning process to support that in the future. He commented that there are natural resources in this area, and he would want to be careful in how that could be developed.

City Planner Anderson commented that the public road as proposed is attempting to follow the existing driveway that currently accesses the existing home in order to reduce impact to the tree cover.

Board Member Hiatt asked how close the MUSA line is to this property.

City Planner Anderson displayed a map highlighting the MUSA line in relation to this property. He noted potential developments that could bring the MUSA closer to this property but noted that there would still be some distance from this property.

Board Member Hiatt asked if future subdivision would require City sewer and water connection.

City Planner Anderson stated that would require an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan as this property is not guided for urban services.

## **6. BOARD / STAFF INPUT**

City Planner Anderson commented that there is an opportunity for a tree planting event on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Central Park in coordination with the Park and Recreation Commission meeting that evening. He noted that the trees could fill in a gap between existing tree cover along a boundary with an adjacent residential property. He stated that staff will continue to work on the details and encouraged Board members to attend if possible. He stated that staff will send out additional details as they develop.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Board Member Covart and seconded by Board Member Hiatt to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was performed:

Board Member Little	aye
Board Member Fetterley	aye
Board Member Moore	aye
Board Member Covart	aye

Board Member Hiatt            aye  
Chairperson Valentine        aye

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Anderson  
City Planner

ATTEST:

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JoAnn Shaw  
Community Development Secretary

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