

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

On Monday, December 16, 2024, 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 Melissa Fetterley
 Board Member Reid Bernard
 Board Member Nick Burgess
 Board Member Laura Moore
 Board Member Hassan Salami

Members Absent: Board Member Thomas Hagerty
 Board Member Paula Houts

Also Present: Senior Planner Chris Anderson
 City Council Liaison Matt Woestehoff

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Board Member Bernard and seconded by Board Member Salami to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Fetterley, Board Member Bernard, Salami, Burgess, and Moore. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Hagerty and Houts.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated October 21, 2024

Motion by Board Member Burgess and seconded by Board Member Salami to approve the regular meeting minutes dated October 21, 2024.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Fetterley, Board Member Burgess, Salami, Bernard, and Moore. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Hagerty and Houts.

5. POLICY BOARD BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Natural Resources Aspects of the Emerald Estates Preliminary Plat (Project No. 24-123); Case of Joni and Alan Greenwaldt

Senior Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated that the City has received a land use application from Landform for consideration of a Preliminary Plat for a single-family residential development located along 181st Avenue, west of Xenolith Street.

Board Member Moore asked if the property to the south is undeveloped.

Senior Planner Anderson confirmed that two equivalent-sized properties to the south are vacant.

Board Member Moore asked for details on construction debris and protection of the wetlands with the vacant site.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that there would be staff on-site periodically for inspections.

Board Member Salami asked if a neighborhood could have one well for the use of the development.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that while some neighborhoods have a community septic system, he has not seen a community well. He commented that based on the sizes of the lots, he would not imagine that a community well or septic system would be a good idea.

Chairperson Fetterley referenced a driveway that was requested to be adjusted and asked if there would be anything to prevent the eventual owner of the driveway from expanding the driveway. She asked if it would be explained to the homeowner that the driveway could not be moved or expanded because of the constraints.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that language could be added to the development agreement specific to lot seven, noting that there is still no guarantee that the homeowner would read all the documents. He clarified that the driveway will not encroach into the wetland setback nor the wetland itself.

Board Member Moore commented that she would be interested in adding a comment related to wetland preservation for lots 12 and 13 as well.

Motion by Board Member Salami and seconded by Board Member Moore to recommend approval of the plans, contingent upon compliance with staff's review comments and the suggestion to add language to the development agreement related to wetland protection for lots 7, 12, and 13.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Fetterley, Board Member Salami, Moore, Bernard, and Burgess. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Hagerty and Houts.

5.02: Consider the Environmental Policy Board Meeting Calendar for 2025

Senior Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He asked the Board to consider the meeting calendar for 2025.

Board Member Burgess left the meeting at 7pm.

The 2025 meeting calendar was adopted with the January meeting on January 13th, the February meeting on February 10th, and the March meeting on March 10th.

6. BOARD / STAFF INPUT

Senior Planner Anderson reported that there are two dumpsters available for cardboard recycling and encouraged residents to utilize the space. He noted that the holiday lights collection is happening at City Hall.

Board Member Moore referenced a recent discussion of the City related to the number of City newsletters, which includes the *Ramsey Recycler*, and asked for more information.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that currently there are six *Ramsey Resident* newsletters and one or two *Ramsey Recycler* issues per year. He stated that the Charter Commission will be discussing potentially decreasing to four newsletters per year. He stated that the *Ramsey Recycler* is separate, and the Commission will discuss whether that publication could be counted towards the six.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Board Member Moore and seconded by Board Member Salami to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Anderson
Senior Planner

ATTEST:

Abdi Sahal
Administrative Assistant

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