

Becker County Planning Commission
August 26th, 2026

An audio recording of the meeting is available at:
https://www.co.becker.mn.us/government/meetings/planning_zoning/planning_commission/

Members Present: Chairman Dave Blomseth, Commissioner Phil Hansen, Kohl Skalin, Kim Mattson, Craig Hall, Tom Disse, Commissioner Erica Jepson, Jeff Moritz, Tommy Ailie, Nancy Bachmann, Mary Seaberg, and John Okeson, Harvey Aho, and Zoning Administrator Kyle Vareberg. **Members Absent:** None.

Chairman Dave Blomseth called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Becker County Zoning Technician Nicole Bradbury recorded the minutes.

Chairman Dave Blomseth explained the protocol for the meeting and stated that the recommendations of the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the Becker County Board of Commissioners for final action. Applicant number one (1) will be forwarded to Detroit Township for final action.

John Okeson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 29th, 2026, meeting. Moritz second. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Blomseth stated that due to the number of people present to speak, applicant two (2) would be moved to item three (3) of the night.

He also stated that he would not be participating as a member or voting for application four (4) as he would be presenting that application.

New Business:

1. **APPLICANT: Michael D Anderson** 734 Shorewood Dr Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Project Location: 20051 Co Rd 131 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **08.0253.000** Section 15 Township 139 Range 041; LOTS 3 & 4 LESS PLATTED PARTS AND 9.10 AC. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Final Plat for thirteen (13) lots to be known as BIG FLOYD ESTATES.

MOTION: Hall motioned to approve the application. Ailie second. Roll Call; All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 47 **3. APPLICANT: Thomas Truedson on behalf of Gary Kaiser II RLT 23222**
48 Gosslee Ln Detroit Lakes, MN 565601 **Project Location:** 26206 130th St Detroit
49 Lakes, MN 56501 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **19.0310.001**
50 Section 15 Township 138 Range 041; 15-138-41 PT NW1/4 SW1/4, PT SW1/4
51 SW1/4: COMM S QTR COR SEC 15, W 1382.59', N 322' TO POB; N 66', W
52 289.17', NWLY 532.59', NLY 1767.02', W 357.8' TO CTR RD, SLY 1859.79', ELY
53 366.03', W 555.79', E 714.56' TO POB. TRACT A. **APPLICATION AND**
54 **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a
55 health and fitness consulting business with retail sales.

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58 **MOTION: Aho motioned to approve the application. Skalin second. Roll**
59 **Call; All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**
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63 **2. APPLICANT: Darlene & Jeffrey Hanson 7174 280th St S Hawley, MN 56549**
64 **Project Location:** TBD Whiskey Creek Dr Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **LEGAL**
65 **LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **24.0172.000** Section 23 Township 140
66 Range 041; 23-140-41 PT GOVT LOT 7 LYING E OF HWY. **APPLICATION**
67 **AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate
68 a wedding venue and event center.
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71 Rob Baden spoke in opposition. He said he does not feel like the criteria for a Conditional Use
72 Permit has been met and shared his reasons why.
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74 Liza McCaslin spoke in opposition and shared her concerns for safety.
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76 Roger Foltz with Richwood Township spoke in opposition.
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78 Steve Hershberger spoke in opposition and stated he was concerned there was a lack of details
79 with this application.
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81 Craig Teal spoke in opposition and shared his concerns about parking and wetland area.
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83 Robin Anderson spoke in opposition and stated his concerns about the size of the road for
84 increased traffic.
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86 Several letters were received in regard to this application both in favor and opposed. Those
87 letters were reviewed before the hearing. Kyle Vareberg read one letter into record that was not
88 included in the member packets. These letters are on file with the Becker County Zoning office
89 and copies can be made available with a submitted data request.
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92 **The applicant tabled the application.**

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96 **4. APPLICANT: Lakes Community Coop on behalf of Russell E Post &**
97 **CherryAnn M Post 40708 Lyman Lakes Rd Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Project**
98 **Location: TBD St Hwy 34/410th Ave Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 LEGAL LAND**
99 **DESCRIPTION: Tax ID Number: 15.0006.002 Section 01 Township 139 Range**
100 **039; 1-139-39 NE1/4 SE1/4 N OF ST HWY 34. LESS 9.32AC (15-6).**
101 **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a Change of Zone**
102 **from Agricultural to Commercial for the Easterly portion highlighted in red.**
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105 **MOTION: Aho motioned to approve the application. Ailie second. Roll Call;**
106 **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**
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110 **Other Business:**
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112 **I) Tentative Date for the Next Informational Meeting: September 23rd, 2026; 8:00 am; 3rd**
113 **Floor Meeting Room in the Becker County Courthouse, Detroit Lakes, MN.**
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116 **Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Ailie made a motion to**
117 **adjourn. Disse second. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.**
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123 **David Blomseth, Chairman**

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123 **Kohl Skalin, Secretary**

124 **ATTEST**
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Kyle Vareberg, Zoning Administrator