

Joint Airport Zoning Board Minutes
June 2, 2016
Duluth International Airport
Amatuzio A Conference Room

Chair Kevin Comnick welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

Present:

Kevin Comnick	Canosia	John Kelley	Duluth
Dan Golen	Canosia	John Geissler	Hermantown
David Kolquist	Hermantown	Robert Pearson	Duluth
Peter Stauber	St. Louis Co.	Betty Ramsland	Duluth
Roger Reinert	Duluth		

Absent: Steve Kossett, Rice Lake; Teresa Koivula, Rice Lake

Visitors: Blaine Peterson, Mary Ann Wittkop, Kyle Deming, Robert Quade, Steve Paulson, Eric Johnson and Kurt Brooks.

Chair Comnick introduced and welcomed the new Canosia appointee, Dan Golen. He mentioned this board will be going on a tour at 4 p.m. after this session.

2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Motion by Peter Stauber, seconded by Robert Pearson to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **Agenda Items:** Motion by John Kelley to approve the agenda. Seconded by Betty Ramsland. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Community Reports:**
 - a. Canosia Township – Beginning summer road projects, met and worked with St. Louis County for a three to four year program to improve asphalt; beginning stages for the long process of MS4 storm water permitting; grant for aquatic evasive species program - inspecting boats at Pike Lake at this time.
 - b. City of Duluth – Early stages for amending comprehensive land use plan and the Arrowhead land use study has been approved by the Planning Commission.
 - c. City of Hermantown – Hired new Director of Community Development, Mr. Eric Johnson and new Public Works Director, Mr. Paul Sens; continue to grow – 39 home permits issued last year and Phase 4 of the Jackson Estates Development was approved at the Planning & Zoning meeting.
 - d. City of Rice Lake – No representatives.

- e. St. Louis County – Add to Canosia’s comment – St. Louis County is always willing to partner with area townships to assist with road projects, it is good for all.

Roger Reinert arrived at 3:37 p.m.

5. Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard:

- a. Mr. Steve Paulson, Storage King, owns property in Zone B Rice Lake and Norton Road and is working with the City of Duluth to turn building into Cross Fit of Duluth. He explained how the fitness program operated. Discussion followed on Zone B requirements and application process. Mr. Kyle Deming, City Planning, spoke on the variance process which would need to be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Peter Stauber moved to urge the Board of Adjustments to move forward and act promptly to review the variance request. Roger Reinert amended to include calling the Board of Adjustments to meet. Chair Connick seconded the amended motion to call the Board of Adjustments to meet and move forward and act promptly to review the variance request. All ayes, motion carried. Questions followed Mr. Deming will contact the Board of Adjustments after the application process is complete to review the request. Mr. Paulson was thanked for his request.

Chair Connick introduced and welcomed Roger Reinert to the board. John Geissler introduced Mr. Eric Johnson, Hermantown Director of Community Development.

6. Communications:

- a. Letter from MnDOT to MCOA Board members regarding proposal to modify airport safety zoning statutes.

7. Reports of Committees:

- a. No committees at this time.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mr. Blaine Peterson, DAA Director of Operations, spoke on the draft MnDOT Zoning Statutes –no changes at this time, MnDOT will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss changes in statutes, more discussion for the next JAZB meeting; MCOA pushing hard in advocating for new zoning in next year’s legislation; propose the JAZB write a

letter of support in moving forward with zoning laws and updates to drafted and forward to the board for comments and review. Mr. Peterson, updated on the Runway 9/27 reconstruction project, on schedule started yesterday June 1st. Detailed on project and timeline. Questions, comments and discussion followed on the construction project and future phases. Mr. Peterson was thanked for his update.

- b. Chair Connick commented the communities proposals have been submitted to be incorporated at the time of the new ordinance.

9. New Business, Motions and Resolutions

- a. Cirrus tour will follow this meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Peter Stauber and seconded by Roger Reinert, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Wittkop
Recording Secretary