Held virtually, pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020-75 4:00 p.m.

A. Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM

B. Roll Call and Excuse Absent Members

Members present:
Alan Sylvester
Paul MacNellis
Kyle Martin
Mitch Lettow
Erin Fuller

Staff present:
Jamie McCarthy
Nolan Bergstrom

C. Adoption of Agenda

Director MacNellis made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by director Fuller. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2020 and May 26, 2020

Director MacNellis made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/21 and 5/26, supported by Director Sylvester. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. New Business

1. The board discussed the prohibited planting list in the current Chapter 50 NFP zoning code. Ms. McCarthy explained that consultants and applicants have expressed confusion or redundancy in the requirement to plant all native species and then specifically prohibiting the planting of invasive species on the list. Ms. Fuller suggested an option of using another outside resource to maintain the list of invasive species. Mr. MacNellis suggested the MISIN website. Mr. Lettow commented that we could consider requiring all native plantings in the NFP overlay district and using the prohibited planting list for all parcels as part of the regular zoning code.

F. Old Business
1. The board reviewed a draft amendment to the NFP overlay district map presented by Mr. Bergstrom. The map includes parcels that are adjacent to water, wetlands, public preserves, and slopes with grade greater than 20%. Mr. Bergstrom and Ms. McCarthy spent time performing a desktop review and ground truthing. Around 250 parcels were removed from the map due to an apparent lack of natural features present on the site.

Board members provided feedback on the map. Mr. Lettow was less concerned with map coverage on every small and developed area with slope. Board members expressed priority over sloped sites that could contribute stormwater or cause other erosion problems. Board members will spend time reviewing the map and ground truthing by desktop or visual observations. The board requests a geo-referenced map that can be used with mapping applications.

Ms. McCarthy provided an overview of the upcoming public engagement process. Board comments on the map should be submitted to or discussed with staff by July 3. The map will be revised based on board feedback and posted to the IK2025 NPF website. The public will be able to view and drop pins on the map to indicate areas with important natural features that are not included in the draft map. The board will plan to review a revised map at the August 25 board meeting.

G. Board Comments (none)

H. Citizen Comments (none)

L. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

Jamie McCarthy, Recording Secretary

Mitch Lettow, Board Chair