

# Planning & Zoning News

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### Looking Forward, Planning Ahead

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### MEET YOUR PLANNING COMMISSIONER





as told to Pat Herman

Minnehaha County native Mark Rogen has served on the Planning Commission since 2005. Mark grew up on a farm in the northeast part of the county. His childhood experiences led him to a degree in Animal Science from SDSU. Go Jacks! Mark raised beef cattle and when the market changed repositioned into the dairy business. He currently works in human resources for the dairy and is also sub-manager there. This might be better described as crisis manager.

Being a farm kid, his first job was helping with the operation and he continued to return from college on the weekends to work on the farm. Mark also worked as a bartender during those years. Later he operated a trucking firm in connection with the farm. A man of many talents, Mark drove a commercial bus for area sports teams such as Augustana, Sioux Falls University and the Sioux Falls Stampede.

Mark was influenced by his parents involvement in community

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#### PLANNING TERM - RIGHT -OF- WAY

The right-of-way is the right to pass over the property of another. It usually refers to the land required for the traffic lanes plus shoulders on both sides of highways, railroads, and bikeways. In reference to county highways, it is the land purchased by or dedicated to the public for traffic purposes. Township roads in Minnehaha County have a 66 foot right-of-way while highway rightof-way varies from 100 to 200 feet.

### **Meeting Calendar**

- County Commission Meeting Planning & Zoning Items July 20 at 9:00 am
- Planning Commission Meeting July 26 at 7:00 pm Application submittal deadline July 2
- County Commission Meeting Planning & Zoning Items August 17 at 9:00 am
- Planning Commission Meeting August 23 at 7:00 pm Application submittal deadline July 30
- County Commission Meeting Planning & Zoning Items September 28 at 9:00 am
- Planning Commission Meeting September 27 at 7:00 pm Application submittal deadline September 3



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service and offered his time and expertise to a wide variety of community, professional, and religious organizations. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Midwest Forage Association, East River Electric Cooperative, Sioux Valley Energy Rural Electric Coop, and Sioux Valley Wireless. Mark was a founding member of the South Dakota CornGrowers Association.

Another of Mark's interests is politics. He ran for the South Dakota State Senate and served from 1993-1996. His passion for service motivated his decision to join the Planning Commission. Mark believes the Planning Commission has a good handle on growth issues and the understanding of the importance of agriculture to South Dakota's economy. He feels the decisions made by the Commission have being increasingly based on "science" and less on emotional reaction to public testimony. Mark is now ready to serve the citizens of Minnehaha County in another capacity. He is in the midst of his campaign to be elected to the County Commission.

Mark responded to the following questions: First car.....Yellow '71 Dodge Demo Best breakfast...easy over eggs, sausage & toast Weirdest food.....mashed pigeon in Taiwan Hidden talent.....sings tenor 2 people I admire...my Dad and MLK,Jr. People would say that I'm.....honest, stand by my word My nickname is......Roggy

I would like to travel to.....Civil War battle grounds, Australia and Norway

Thank you, Mark, for letting us get to know you better.



## **Geographic Information Systems Division**

by Darin VanDeBerg

The Minnehaha County GIS division has a new webpage and interactive mapping service, minnEmap. The GIS staff created a new home page designed as a user friendly information site. The new website contains information on: New Interactive Mapping Service: minnEmap, helpful GIS links, Map Gallery, data/maps order forms and contact information. This new page allows the public and users to link to minnEmap, view/order Data & Map Request Forms, download or purchase pre-made maps and find other useful GIS information. The website url address is: <a href="http://gis.minnehahacounty.org">http://gis.minnehahacounty.org</a>

minnEmap is our new online Interactive Mapping System. This application is designed for mapping information such as parcels, zoned properties, topographic data, hydrographic information and viewing aerial photography. You are also able to use many search functions, markup tools, and print maps of your preferred area. This is a new GIS interactive mapping system designed for more streamlined searching and easier general parcel mapping. A User Guide is available as a help document on the right of the mapping application under the GIS logo if needed. To access minnEmap, go to gis.minnehahacounty.org and click Interactive Mapping, then click the allow button on the disclaimer page. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions if needed.

Other GIS news:

- The United States Census Bureau is in the process of updating the address count through the 2010 Decennial Census Local Update of Censuses Addresses (LUCA). The GIS staff completed the task of updating the master address file. We are looking forward to see the final numbers issued by the Census Bureau in the months ahead. Information about LUCA can be found at: <a href="http://www.census.gov/geo/www/luca2010/luca.html">http://www.census.gov/geo/www/luca2010/luca.html</a>
- The GIS staff current projects: updating the Utility Tower inventory book, Creating 3-D Maps and videos of proposed Wind Farms, hyper-linking house photos to parcels, and updating parcels to match Aerial photos.

Along with many map requests from the county departments and public, daily tasks, and month end duties, the GIS team is staying busy and keeping on schedule with the goals and projects assigned. You may contact Heidi or Darin at 605-367-4204 or email the staff at: gis@minnehahacounty.org

DID YOU KNOW:

The highest Elevation in Minnehaha County : 1,820 Ft. The Lowest Elevation in Minnehaha County: 1,204 Ft. GIS DIVISION

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