

Crow Wing Township Planning Commission Meeting August 9, 2021 6:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Brad Arnold (Chair), Dan Lee, Linda Schuety, Justin Burslie (Former Planning and Zoning Administrator), Tucker Schuety (Township Supervisor) & Duane Ruona (Township clerk). Amanda Peterson (Planning and Zoning Administrator), was unable to attend.

Brad called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no public hearings.

Brad suggested that discussion about the publicized edition of the new Comprehensive Plan be added to the agenda.

Open Forum-nothing.

Dan made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting as written. Linda seconded, motion passed 4-0.

Under New Business Chuck Nelson was in attendance to discuss a subdivision of parcel 56270503 which adjoins his 10-acre parcel. He is inquiring about a possible rezone and subdivision of the parcel which is owned by his daughter. The request would be to rezone from Agricultural/Forestry to RR-5 and split the property into two 5-acre parcels. His daughter plans to sell the home with the 5 remaining acres if possible. The Future Land Use Map classifies the property as Forested Residential, which is a classification that provides low-density, rural residential development, and privately owned agricultural/forested areas. Parcels within these areas should be 20-40 acres. There are several small parcels to the West of the Nelson property. The existing 10-acre parcels are non-conforming but grandfathered in under the old ordinance. If the subdivision were approved, neighboring properties could also request subdivision, resulting in a large area in conflict with the current Land Use Map. Chuck will consider selling the property as-is. No action was taken by the Planning Commission.

Copies of the new Comprehensive Plan have been distributed to the Planning Commission members. A copy is also going to be available on the new Township Website. One hard copy will be available in the office at the Town Hall.

The Citizen Complaint about 9204 Estate Circle was discussed. Amanda has been in contact with the property owner and some progress has been made in cleaning up the property. Brad asked Justin to have Amanda continue to work with the property owner.

The Citizen Complaint about commercial activity at 11171 Town Hall Street was discussed. There are some boulders still on the property as well as a large brush pile. Owner Cary Deason joined the meeting and stated he has purchased property on Business 371 and is relocating his business there. Mr. Deason stated that the boulders left on the property will be used to landscape the property. As soon as the DNR lifts the burning ban he will burn the brush pile. The equipment has been moved from the property.

The citizen Complaint about 6749 Wetherbee Road was discussed. Brad met with the owner and they had rented a skidsteer and moved items that were on the neighboring property. There has been a

question about where the property line is. Brad will do an inspection of the property in six weeks to monitor the cleanup of the property.

A flagpole ordinance was discussed because of a request to put up a 75 foot flagpole at the new storage buildings site on Business 371. The current ordinance states that the maximum height for any structure in the township is 35 feet. The property is next to a residential area so there could be conflicts. The owners will be told to submit a variance request so a public hearing would be required to hear any resident concerns and conditions could be attached to the variance.

Enforcement fees were discussed. Amanda and Brad have talked about possible changes to the current township process. She has some experience with the topic at other jurisdictions that could be shared with the Planning Commission. Justin said that Pequot Lakes recently adopted an administrative citation policy that lays out for staff the steps to be taken for enforcement of property violations. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

A question about who does the SSTS inspections in the township was discussed. The township has appointed Louann Maschler as the inspector for new and replacement systems. A question has been raised about using other inspectors. Justin said because the township handles its own SSTS inspections, they can appoint the inspector. If Louann designs a system, Greg Kossan does the inspection. The issue could be revisited at the beginning of next year.

The Planning and Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed. 23 permits have been received so far this year.

There was no Town Board Correspondence to review.

Linda made a motion to adjourn, Tucker seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.