

# Crow Wing Township Planning Commission Meeting May 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

**Commission Members Present:** Brad Arnold (Chair), Linda Schuety, Dan Lee, David Nelson, Tucker Schuety (Township Supervisor Chair) Amanda Peterson (Planning and Zoning Administrator), & Sue Kern (Township clerk).

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

**Public Hearings:** Amanda did an overview and background on the Final Plat Application 01-22 Battalion Holdings, LLC. Notices in a ½ mile radius were sent out and a notice was in the Dispatch April 24, 2022. Amanda read the preliminary plat, planned unit development, staff findings and recommendations. She stated the Planning Commission may make a recommendation to the Town Board to approve, deny or table the application for further review. The three owners were present along with the owner of the property that borders. Carol, the neighbor, stated her disappointment in how the trees were removed. There was no other response in favor or against. Carol's situation has changed, and she is trying to sell her property but because of the torn up back scenery, her house has not sold. The logger was not supervised properly and all, but one tree was removed. He was supposed to leave large oak existing trees and fill in with other younger trees. They expressed their condolences to Carol and said they would clean up the mess and plant trees and put up a fence as soon as they could get a landscaper out there and create a buffer between the two properties in the next two-three weeks. There should be an assortment of deciduous and evergreens to replicate what was there at the applicant's expense to create a good buffer. They will have to grub the stumps out, level the land, grading and shaping to get it back to the way it was as much as possible with a sense of urgency is expected. They will be reporting to Amanda their progress. Discussion ensued regarding the Plat, PUD and a 125% Bond and a vegetation plan. Consensus was to keep the project moving forward with the plat first, having a screening vegetation and landscape plan and valuation, a six-foot fence placed, a developer's agreement with a priority placed on the area bordering Carol's home. Amanda will be working with the attorney. Dan made a motion to support the plat application with staff findings of facts and recommendations to the Town Board pending a landscape plan before a building permit is issued. Linda seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 5-0. Amanda will send information to the Town Board.

**Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** Brad wanted a discussion regarding Big Woods added to the agenda.

**Open Forum:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tucker made the motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2022, as written. Dan seconded. No discussion. Motion approved 5-0.

**New Business:** Owned Storage Plan review was discussed regarding grading plan, lighting and colors.

**The extractive use ordinance was discussed:** Verbiage adding 'interim use permits' is being added. Justin will be going over ordinances and coming to a future meeting. Brad mentioned the 2.5 contiguous acre ordinance and will bring the papers to another meeting. This will have to go to a public hearing and clarify it to be in Agricultural Forestry districts.

**The Child Care Ordinance was discussed:** The childcare facility will come to the next meeting. They would like to add to their building and add classrooms to their facility. The ordinance uses new definitions.

**The town hall hours will transition to appointment only.** This has been a topic of discussion at Sourcewell because Amanda is working alone at the town hall which is rural. She is the only employee in this type of situation. It was decided that **she will meet with residents by appointment only** and this will possibly save the township money as she will be here less time. It was mentioned that the Commission wants Amanda to feel comfortable and safe. **She will no longer have set hours at the town hall.** This will be brought to the Town Board and will be changed on the website.

**Old Business:** The Ream complaint was discussed. There has been no response to Amanda's letter. She had suggested contacting organizations for help with finances to continue the clean-up. There is some small clean-up the owners can take care of themselves as now the weather is warmer. Amanda will follow up with another letter.

Chad Jillson complaint was discussed. There has been no response from the probation officer. Chad and his son have moved items from the front to the back of the property. Three vehicles have been removed. Something fell off a truck on to Tower property. The motor home has been moved. The bus has not been touched. Other miscellaneous items are untouched. The flop house has been removed. There has been considerable improvement but not adequate. Can't see the debris from the road. They had hoped to hear from the probation officer. The landowner had a job offer out of state. The son is supposed to monitor the property.

The Anderson/Schuety septic noncompliance was addressed again. There is a need for a conforming septic system. They told Amanda there is a septic system and they would take care of the issues. This is a civil issue with getting his name on the property. It was decided to ask the town board to turn the matter over to our attorney.

There is a new complaint about the Deason property. Brad says there has been significant progress. Justin and Amanda will be inspecting the new trees as they are planted.

Amanda has talked with the owner of Big Woods. He has packed debris behind the building and the front is organized. The scrap pile on the South end needs to be addressed. The owner previously had stated he'd pick up the rubble and better organize. Amanda will send a letter address these items including the loose tin so that wind does not blow it on to the road. He did not attend the meeting or call.

**P&Z Administrator's Report:** Amanda presented her report. There are two additional permits in process. There has been an inquiry about a permit behind the archery business.

There was no other business to come before the Planning Commission.

**Adjournment:** Linda made a motion to adjourn. Dan seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

