

Crow Wing Township Planning Commission Meeting October 7, 2024, 6:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Brad Arnold (Chairman), Commissioners David Nelson, Dan Lee, Paul Stephany (Township Board Supervisor), Scott Saehr (Planning and Zoning Consultant), and Sue Kern (Township Clerk). Brad called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions or Deletion: Vacancy discussion was added to the agenda.

Public Hearings: None.

Open Forum: None.

Approval of Minutes: Dan made the motion to approve the September 3, 2024, meeting minutes as written. David seconded with making a change to state 'Planning Commission' instead of 'Brad'. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business: Outstanding Complaints: Three second notice violation letters were sent on October 2nd certified mail asking residents to contact Brad or Scott or attend the November 4th meeting. **Crow Wing County Ordinance Amendments Update:** The county has been working on their comprehensive plan including the land use ordinance. Scott has met with Chris Pence at the County. Scott reviewed the lengthy information provided in the PZ packet. There will be more discussion going forward.

New Business: Solar Ordinance Discussion: The storage unit by Wild Rice Depot is looking to put solar units on the Southside of the roof. The conditional use table and land use ordinance were discussed. The matter will be discussed once the resident submits a plan. **Agricultural Zoning Discussion:** Mr. Nibbe has applied for a permit to put a 2nd residential dwelling and possible subdivision and rezoning. Mr. Nibbe's builder is ready to go as a different job has been delayed. Options were discussed at length. A public hearing is needed for a rezone/subdivision and scheduled for November 4th. **Northland Industrial Park: Updates and Sign Application:** The final plat and developer's agreement will be recorded when all documents are completed. The sign permit was reviewed and approved. The perpetual easement and/or licensing agreement with the snowmobile and ATV clubs and the developer is being discussed with the attorneys. The Township requested a perpetual easement on behalf of the residents and the clubs. Crow Wing Township is not a part of the easement/licensing agreement and is not responsible for the trail nor is it liable for the trail or its use. The attorneys are proposing a licensing agreement and not an easement. No further action was taken.

P&Z Administrator's Report: 1-Julifs certificate of compliance was reviewed, and Scott will complete that work. 2-A conditional use permit for a tower on 5796 Brandon Way was discussed. Tower restrictions were discussed. The Township did not make the tower restriction ordinance. Height restrictions were discussed and the need to communicate with Camp Ripley regarding height restrictions. 3-There is a request for permit on Black Bear Trail on a ½ acre lot for a shed structure. The owner may need to prove he meets association bylaws. 4-MD Investments property along Sweet Road was discussed regarding it being rural residential on the old map and at the county, but Ag-Forest on the new map. The map needs to be updated.

Planning Commission Vacancy: Linda Schuety has resigned from the Planning Commission. It was decided to post the vacancy on the website, Wild Rice Depot, on the entry door at the Town Hall and the Brainerd Dispatch. Applicants should call the Clerk @ 218-822-3985.

Town Board Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: David made a motion to adjourn. Dan seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.