

Crow Wing Township Planning Commission Meeting, April 7, 2025, 6:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Brad Arnold (Chairman), Commissioners David Nelson, Dan Lee, Jon Kolstad, Paul Stephany (Township Board Supervisor), and Sue Kern (Township Clerk). Scott Saehr (Planning and Zoning Consultant) was not present. Brad called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions or Deletion: Brad added discussions regarding Guest Cottages and a public hearing he attended at the County regarding a property that borders Crow Wing Township.

Public Hearings: None.

Open Forum: None.

Approval of Minutes: Paul made a motion to accept March 3, 2025, meeting minutes as written. Dan seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed 5-0.

Old Business: Outstanding Complaints: Brad has been in contact with all but one of the violators and they were receptive and cooperative. Brad did a site visit to the Hunter Circle property. The owners are polite and cooperative and working with Scott for permitting.

New Business: Ordinance Review for Buffer Requirements: Brad did a site visit with a neighboring property to the Northland Industrial site. There is an ongoing grievance and complaints of dust blowing, snow drifting over the winter due to a lack of adequate density of screening and water ponding. The site contractors did not finish their work due to the lateness in the season. Lawsuits have been filed. The weather is warming up and more landscaping work will be done. The Commission reviewed the buffer requirements. A portion of the screening will be done when a business purchases the land and starts developing their lot. The signed agreement will be reviewed. No action was taken. **SSTS Compliance Discussion:** The ordinance requirements for SSTS inspections were reviewed. No action was taken.

Crow Wing County Ordinance Updates: The Commission reviewed the ordinance. Portions of the language need further clarification. Amendments regarding the above topics may come forward in the future. No action was taken.

Brad reported on a public hearing he attended. The definition of 'guest cottage' was discussed. The ordinance language needs further clarification. No action was taken.

AWAIR Training: The Commission was reminded to attend the AWAIR training tomorrow prior to the regular board of Supervisor's meeting.

P&Z Administrator's Report: Permit work picked up in March.

Town Board Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.